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Duxbury Local Historic District



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Commission

Local Historic District Commission Meeting January 4, 2021

Attending: Renée Mierzejewski, Chair, Terry Vose, Phil Tuck, Evelyn Walker, John Bates, William McArdle, Janet Ritch, Pamela Campbell-Smith, Georgia Taft Pye, Valerie Mansard, Planning Director, Jeffrey Blake, Town Counsel

Members of the Public: Jessica Williams, Tristan Partain, David Corey

Chair Renée Mierzejewski called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. and read and reviewed the remote meeting requirements.

Evelyn Walker moved that the Commission enter executive session in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A to discuss issues regarding 47 Surplus Street and the position of the Town for possible litigation. The movement was unanimously approved.

When, after a motion by Evelyn Walker and a unanimous vote in favor, Open Session resumed, Renée asked Jessica Williams to present the modified plans for renovation and new construction for 47 Surplus Street. Jessica pointed out the changes made to the garage design after comments at the December meeting and a request from the Commission. She stated that the new design makes the garage lower in height and more in proportion to the main part of the house. Abutter Scott Firth stated that this design and placement worked better than the earlier plan to go with the perspective from the street of his barn and the st back from the property line.

Renée stated that this meeting was to determine if a certificate of appropriateness was necessary for the project since the requests from the commission had been met with the new design and changes to the garage. Janet Ritch moved that the Commission vote on the certificate of appropriateness. By roll call vote, the Commission voted that no certificate of appropriateness was required. Voting in favor were Janet Ritch, William McArdle, Georgia Taft Pye and Renée Mierzejewski. There will be a ten-day notice sent to abutters, but no public hearing is necessary.

Renée Mierzejewski commented that the Commission should undertake a review of Rules and Regulations to improve and make the process for obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness clearer and easier for applicants. Jessica Williams offered to assist with that effort. Pam Campbell Smith suggested that the review be discussed at the Commission's next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.