

**Local Historic District Commission Meeting – January 17, 2023**

TOWN CLERK

Attending: Pamela Campbell Smith, Renee Mierzejewski, Janet Ritchie, Georgia Taft Pye

Members of the public attending: Martha and Gardner Loring, Kevin Asmus

Pamela Campbell Smith called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Pam welcomed the Lorings to the meeting and thanked them for their time and cooperation with the Commission on their proposed construction work for their home at 265 Washington Street. Pam mentioned the changes that had been made to the plan since Local Historic District Commissioners had toured the site and initially discussed the work.

Martha Loring explained that the original plan to tear down and completely replace the addition to the original house had not proven necessary. The plan has also been amended to design a smaller side front door. The Lorings' designer, Kevin Asmus, discussed the changes and the ways that the design was in keeping with the original structure. Pam asked that they include in their construction drawings the actual designs of the "existing" detail they are referencing on the plans as the Commissioners have no idea as to what those designs look like without the examples. Pam and Renee asked that the plans also show details of the proposed new entry including the pediment entablature, roof materials and steps materials.

Georgia Taft Pye stated that the new design for the side front door was much better in keeping with the original design and the Commission appreciated the change. Pam and Renee both agree on the new door design and had some further questions on materials and architectural details. Pam asked the Lorings to come back to the next Local Historic District Commission meeting with these details addressed on their building plans. Pam said that with those steps accomplished and accepted by the Commission, that would be the final need for approval of their project. The Lorings and their designer agreed to do so and left the meeting.

Pam announced that the Alden Kindred had been approached for their ideas on having the Alden cellar hole that is on Town land be included as a Local Historic District. The Kindred will support that proposal.

Georgia mentioned a Massachusetts Historical Commission webinar that will be presented in early February for Local Historic District Commissions that have no staff. She will share the information with all members.

Janet Ritch said that her son and daughter-in-law have agreed to put their Washington Street center entry 19<sup>th</sup> Century colonial in a Local Historic District. Pam thanked her and them and