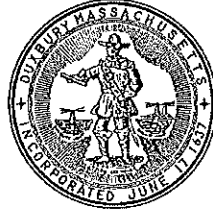


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# Duxbury Local Historic District

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## Commission

Meeting of the Local Historic District Commission January 19, 2021

Attending: Renée Mierzejewski, Chair, William McArdle, Janet Ritch, Evelyn Walker, Phil Tuck, Terry Vose, Georgia Taft Pye, Valerie Massard, Planning Director, Jeffrey Blake, Town Counsel

Members of the Public attending:

John Hagerty, David Corey, Bob Galvin, Jessica Williams, Tristan Partain, Scott Firth

Renée Mierzejewski called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and read the Remote Meeting Preamble.

She stated that the meeting was being held to determine if a certificate of appropriateness was required for work proposed for the property at 47 Surplus Street. She then reviewed the steps taken so far in review of this project:

The Commission has reviewed initial plans received prior to the formal application at its regular meetings in November and December, and the Applicant has been responsive to concerns discussed regarding massing and design raised by members of the Commission, the general public and abutters at those meetings. A full application was received in December 2020. At the meeting on January 4, 2021, the Applicant presented a design in keeping with the neighborhood and setting for the proposed addition and for the proposed garage, which is now designed in a manner to compliment, rather than overpower, the neighbor's historic barn. The revised plan reduces the massing and preserves the view of the historic features of the barn from the street.

The proposed addition which is subject to the Application is visible from the public street, and is

proportionally and architecturally designed in keeping with the existing historic structure, which maintains the character of the Local Historic District.

The owner of the adjoining property with the barn expressed support for the proposed garage location, massing and design, and support for the addition as presented.

The Commission made a finding at the January meeting that the work proposed was subject to a Certificate of Appropriateness.

The Commission made a Determination at the January 4 meeting under the General Bylaw Chapter 12 Section 12.7.6, that as currently presented, the Exterior Architectural Feature involved, or its category, is so insubstantial in its effect on the District that it may be reviewed by the Commission without a public hearing in light of the revisions and with the responsiveness of the Applicant in the revised plan.

As required, the Commission notified all adjoining property owners and owners of property it determined to be materially affected by the proposed work, and ten days have elapsed since the mailing of that notice.

Renee said the Commission will accept limited public comment with respect to the January plans before acting on the Application. David Corey, a neighbor, stated that he would like to see the original window sash in the antique front of the house preserved rather than replaced as it is easily seen from the street and asked that be stipulated in the plans. Jessica Williams, the designer representing John and Elizabeth Hagerty, the property owners, stated that the original windows had to have storm windows to provide insulation and heat preservation for the interior.

She said that the proposed replacement windows are modeled on the original antique windows and have been used in many antique restoration projects as they look so similar to the originals. Georgia Taft Pye said that the Commission has recognized the need of antique property owners to preserve the antique features but also to allow the property owners to be able to live in the manner of the current day. Janet Ritch read from the manual on restorations that allows updating windows for insulation purposes. Jessica Williams explained that the windows she has proposed using have been used for many antique restorations in Hingham and are acceptable for that

town's Local Historic District Commission. The Commissioners agreed to accept the replacement windows as specified in the proposed plan.

Renee asked if there were any remaining questions on the application from members of the Commission or members of the public. Scott Firth, an abutter, confirmed that he was content with the revised plans.

Bob Galvin said he and the property owners appreciated the efforts made by the Local Historic District Commission in working on the plans and reaching a happy medium on the questions.

Renee asked for a motion for granting the certificate of appropriateness. Georgia Taft Pye so moved. The motion was seconded by William McArdle. The roll call vote was:

In favor: William McArdle, Janet Ritch, Renee Mierzejewski, Terry Vose, Georgia Taft Pye

Opposed: No one

The motion carried unanimously. The vote will be recorded with the Town Clerk and distributed to the Applicants. Renee thanked everyone for the work done on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.