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Historic District and Historical Commission
732 Main Street, Harwich, MA
Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 6:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

I. Call to order

Members and Staff Present: Chairperson Mary Maslowski, Jeanne Steiner, Julie Eldredge, Brendan Lowney, and Bob Doane

Others in Attendance: Josh Drohan, Peter Antonellis, Saumil Patel

Chairperson Mary Maslowski called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m.

II. Public Hearing

A. HH2021-09 Certificate of Non-Applicability (CONA) has been received for 102 Parallel St, Map 41, Parcel D7-2, in the C-V zone and the Harwich Center Historic District. The application proposes interior remodel of bathroom and TV room. The application is pursuant to the MGL c. 40C, §6 and the Code of the Town of Harwich Chapter 131, Historic Preservation, Article I., Erik Dichter and Kim Terwilliger as Owner, Josh Drohan of Philbrook Construction as Applicant.

Josh Drohan, Applicant, introduced the project. He explained that all work will be confined to the interior of the house.

Mr. Doane explained that normally the Commission does not have jurisdiction over an interior project, but there would be exterior temporary features for the construction. Mr. Doane asked where the dumpster and outhouse would be located. Mr. Drohan said that they would have a dumpster and outhouse, and they would be temporarily located outside off the road, and would only be there during the time the work is taking place which should be a few months.

Peter Antonellis, neighbor, voiced his support for the project.

Mr. Doane moved to close the public hearing. Second by Ms. Steiner. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Doane moved to approve the Certificate of Non-Applicability. Second by Ms. Eldredge. Motion carried 5-0.

B. **HH2021-10 Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)** has been received for 711 Main Street, Map 41, Parcel D8 in the C-V and the Harwich Center Historic District. The Owner/Applicant proposes a change to the height of the previously approved fence after Planning Board review. The application is pursuant to the MGL c. 40C, §6 and the Code of the Town of Harwich Chapter 131, Historic Preservation, Article I, Saumil Patel as Owner and Applicant.

Saumil Patel, Owner and Applicant, presented the project. He explained that the previous approval was for a 4ft fence, but he would like to increase the fence height to 6ft at the request of his neighbors. The fence would help decrease noise and light spillover for his neighbors. The fence has already received approval from the Planning Board and has been erected already.

Mr. Antonellis, neighbor, submitted a letter of support and also spoke his support for the height of the fence, as he sees it as the standard in Harwich. Mr. Antonellis explained that he has been very appreciative of Mr. Patel's willingness to work with them.

Mr. Doane voiced his support for the change in the height of the fence.

Mr. Doane moved to close the public hearing. Second by Ms. Steiner. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Steiner moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Second by Mr. Doane. Motion carried 5-0.

III. Public Meeting

A. Discussion and Possible Vote

a. Meeting Minutes

i. April 21, 2021

Ms. Eldredge made a correction to minutes.

Ms. Steiner moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Second by Mr. Lowney. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Proposed Property Record Study

i. Mr. Doane explained that he had gone through the list and identified more significant homes and clusters that the study should focus on. Ms. Maslowski mentioned that this had been discussed at the CPC meeting, and once they had a more finalized plan, they would be able to put it on the agenda for the Selectmen. Mr. Doane asked how he would go about reproducing maps.

c. 328 Bank St – The Royal at Harwich Village – Work in Historic District

i. Ms. Maslowski explained that the new Town Planner, John Idman, had the issue on his radar and he had received a response from Ben Zehnder, and Mr. Idman would be following up with this issue. Ms. Maslowski explained that the Planning Board decision had been appealed, but they could move forward at their own peril, so it would hopefully be dealt with soon. The Commission members agreed that the fencing could be done with plain chain link without the orange plastic.

B. Reports from Commission Members

a. Ms. Eldredge asked if the ADA compliant ramps that are being constructed in Town fall under the Historic Commission's purview. Ms. Maslowski explained that they probably should have come before the Commission, but the ADA ramps would not have been objectionable. The other items were not necessarily permanent, but Ms.

Maslowski expected to hear more about it all in the future. Mr. Doane explained that it is unclear whether the Commission has purview of it, but they may want to go back and look to see if they have jurisdiction of the sidewalks. Ms. Maslowski states that she would expect them to have some say over the look of the street scape, but they should hold this conversation for a future meeting since it is not on the agenda for this evening. Ms. Steiner brought up that some other communities do have more specific guidelines, so that is something she would be willing to look into for the next meeting.

- b. Ms. Maslowski explained that all historic CPC articles passed at Town Meeting, other than the cemetery application.
- c. Ms. Maslowski stated that the next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2021, and that this would be Jeanne Steiner's last meeting.

IV. Adjourn

Hearing no other comments or updates, Ms. Maslowski called for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Doane moved to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Eldredge. Motion carried 5-0.