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Historic District and Historical Commission
732 Main Street, Harwich, MA
Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 6:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

I. Call to order

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

Others in Attendance: Allen Furman

Chairperson, Mary Maslowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Public Hearing

a) **HH2020-11 Certificate of Non-Applicability (CONA)** has been received for **727 Main Street**, Map 41, Parcel D2 in the C-V and the Harwich Center Historic District. The application proposes ordinary replacement of architectural feature to the Barn roof, siding, PVC windows, and trim and painting. The application is pursuant to MGL c. 40C, Section 6 and the Code of the Town of Harwich, Chapter 131, Historic Preservation, Article I. Allen Furman, owner and applicant.

Mr. Lowney recused himself from this discussion and vote.

Mr. Furman presented the project, explaining that the plan is to save as much as the carriage house as possible including replacing the windows in kind.

Mr. Doane asked if there was a list included of all materials. Mr. Furman responded that they are planning on replacing everything with like materials, so wood, painted PVC trim, and asphalt roofing. Mr. Furman also asked if the Commission would be opposed to board and baton on the non-facing surfaces for a more decorative look. Mr. Doane asked for a description of the PVC aspects, and Mr. Furman explained that the PVC would replace the rotted trim and would be painted. Mr. Doane asked if the windows would be wood and whether they would be replaced or repaired. Mr. Furman responds that they would be replaced, but with single-paned windows that match the existing design. The Commission members agreed that board and baton would be fine on the sides that do not face the road. Mr. Furman explains that the garage door would be replaced with painted white wooden carriage doors to match the original. Ms. Steiner and Ms. Eldredge agreed that this plan was acceptable.

Ms. Maslowski explained what the CONA required in terms of like-for-like replacements and regular maintenance, and called for a motion.

Mr. Doane motioned to close the public hearing. Seconded by Ms. Eldredge. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Doane motioned to approve the Certificate of Non-Applicability for the proposed work at 727 Main St. Seconded by Ms. Steiner. Motion carried 4-0.

III. Public Meeting

A. New Business

1. Vote to appoint CPC member

Ms. Eldredge nominates Mr. Doane to serve as the CPC member. Seconded by Mr. Lowney. Nomination approved 5-0.

2. Vote to appoint Chair and Vice Chair(s)

Mr. Doane nominates Ms. Maslowski to serve as Chairperson. Seconded by Ms. Eldredge. Nomination approved 5-0.

Mr. Doane nominates Ms. Steiner and Ms. Eldredge to serve as Vice Chairs. Seconded by Mr. Lowney. Nomination approved 5-0.

B. Old Business

Ms. Maslowski thanked Ms. Carroll for her time served on the Historic Commission.

Ms. Steiner gave an update on the Bylaw update and discussed the next steps to approving the update.

Ms. Maslowski gave an update on the community forum and planning board discussion of the DCPC and the draft guidelines for that area. She expected that the draft regulations discussed at the meetings would be going to the Board of Selectmen, so that they can then be referred to the other Boards for approval. Ms. Maslowski asked that if anyone is interested in attending these upcoming meetings, to let her know so that she can share any information. Mr. Doane asked for clarification on whether this is a Historic District. Ms. Maslowski responds that this is a District of Critical Planning Concern only, but one of the reasons that this designation is happening is because of historic importance so some historic aspects will be included in the regulations. Mr. Doane asked if they could add a change to the Demolition Delay Bylaw, and Ms. Maslowski stated that she would try to send the current draft to the Commission members so they could review it. Ms. Maslowski explained that it would be best if these changes were made before the public hearing for the Planning Board.

Ms. Maslowski asked Commission members if they would like to hold the August 19, 2020 Meeting to discuss the DCPC further, since there are no cases on the Agenda. Mr. Doane responded that he would like to discuss the DCPC at the August 19, 2020 Meeting. Ms. Eldredge asked if they could also discuss the Demolition Delay Bylaw. Ms. Steiner responded that that would be fine.

IV. Adjourn

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

Ms. Steiner moved to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Eldredge. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Approved: 3/17/21