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Historic District and Historical Commission
Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Donn B. Griffin Room
Public Hearing

I. Public Hearing-Call to Order

Members Present: Chairperson Mary Maslowski, Bob Doane, Barbara Dowd, Gayle Carroll & Jeanne Steiner

Members Absent: Joe Powers, Bob Bradley & Patricia Scarnici (alternate)

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

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I. Hearings

- a. **Continued: HH2018-06 Notice of Intent (NOI)** has been received for 55 Bank Street, Map 14 Parcel X14 in the R-L and C-V Zones. The application is pursuant to the Code of the Town of Harwich Chapter 131, Historic Preservation, Article II, and proposes the demolition of a 2-bay garage with loft to be replaced with a new garage. Wendy Grant Walter, Owner/Applicant.
EXIBITS/DOCUMENTS: Notice of Intent Filing Application and associated documents dated March 7, 2018.

Chris McGrath of The Great Barns Company was present to represent the owner/applicant. The garage, which was built in the 1940's has fallen into complete disrepair. They are proposing to demolish the existing 2 bay garage with loft and replace with a new 24x36 garage/workshop. The new structure will be slightly more visible than the existing but will be tucked back further onto the property.

Mr. Doane moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Steiner seconded the motion. 5-0-0 Unanimous.

Mr. Doane moved that the Commission determine that the detached garage on the property is less than 100 years old and therefore not subject to demolition delay. Ms. Steiner seconded the motion. 5-0-0 Unanimous.

- b. **HH2018-07 Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)** has been received for 706 Main Street, Map 41 Parcel B3 in the C-V Zone, previously known as Snow's Hardware. The application is pursuant to the MGL c. 40C, §6 and the Code of the Town of Harwich c. 131 Historic Preservation, Article I, and proposes the addition of a 2x3' projecting wall mounted sign and a window sign for business name "Odile". Owner, Pilgrim Lodge AF & AM Tr. c/o George Stearns, Applicant, Ruth Davis.
EXIBITS/DOCUMENTS: Certificate of Appropriateness Filing Application and associated documents dated April 19, 2018.

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Peter from Signorama was present to represent the owner and applicant. They are proposing a wall projecting sign as well as a window sign. The 2x3 projecting sign will be located on a double sided custom mounted bracket.

Mr. Doane noted that other signs in the area have a frame around them. The Commissioners discussed the signs at surrounding establishments. The Commissioners were informed that the sign presented is in keeping with the signs at the applicant's other business location. The Commissioners agreed that they would like to see a mockup of a sign with trim molding.

John Eldredge, president of the Pilgrim Lodge AF & AM was present and stated that they support the application being discussed.

Ms. Carroll moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Steiner seconded the motion. 5-0-0 Unanimous.

Ms. Carroll moved to approve the window signs as approved for HH2018-07, 706 Main Street as presented. Ms. Dowd seconded the motion. 5-0-0 Unanimous.

Ms. Carroll moved to postpone discussion of the wall mounted sign until the May 30, 2018 Historic District and Historical Commission meeting, so that the applicant can provide additional information. Mr. Doane seconded the motion. 5-0-0 Unanimous.

II. New Business

- a. Informal Discussion-Howard "Rick" Cahoon regarding 711 Main Street

Howard Cahoon was present with Samir Patel to informally discuss an upcoming project at 711 Main Street. They are looking to preliminarily find out what the Commission's thoughts and/or concerns are regarding the project.

The Commission was provided with plans and discussed what is being presented. Mr. Cahoon stated that they hope to be back before the Commission in a month with formalized plans. The Commission reviewed the proposed aesthetics of the building.

Mr. Doane stated his objection to the proposed parking area, noting that it doesn't look right for a street scape. He suggested rotating the building and having parking available behind the building.

Ms. Maslowski asked if it would be possible for the applicant to try a different orientation.

- b. Minutes-vote to approve from:

- i. March 21, 2018

EXHIBITS/DOCUMENTS: Draft minutes dated March 21, 2018

Mr. Doane moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting and have them placed on file. Ms. Dowd seconded the motion. 5-0-0 Unanimous.

- c. Review Zoning Board of Appeals agenda for May 30, 2018

EXHIBITS/DOCUMENTS: Zoning Board of Appeals Agenda dated May 30, 2018

Ms. Steiner moved to accept the May 30, 2018 Zoning Board of Appeals agenda and have it placed on file. Ms. Carroll seconded the motion. 5-0-0 Unanimous.

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III. Reports and Briefings by Board Members

a. CPC Update

Ms. Maslowski reported that the applications that came before the Commission for CPC funding were all approved at town meeting. Ms. Carroll asked if there are ever any progress reports once the money is released and the work has begun. Ms. Maslowski stated that she receives CPC reports, she will report back to the Commission.

b. Other Boards & Commission Update

Ms. Maslowski stated that Joe Powers has resigned from the Commission. Mr. Powers was also the Commission's representative to the CPC. The Commission will be looking to fill the vacant seat and well as have another member represent for the CPC.

Ms. Dowd informed her fellow members that as of June 30, 2018, she will be resigning from the Commission.

Adjournment

Ms. Steiner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m., 2nd by Ms. Carroll and approved 5-0-0.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Clarke, Recording Secretary

Adopted on: 8/15/2018