

HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 2, 2008

Present: Linda Hawes, Carole Wolfe, Lee Swanson, Frank Riepe

Case No. 08-12 (con't): 81 Dutton Road; Gary & Dorothea Christellis

Mr. Christellis came to discuss windows and voiced some concerns. He asked if everyone obtained a certificate for change of windows, as it had been his observation that that was not the case. He particularly pointed out the Town does not follow HDC guidelines. Linda Hawes assured him everyone must have a certificate to install new windows. He also complained there was not enough guidance in selecting the type of window, as there are many to choose from. The applicant would rather not install wood windows, because they are more difficult to maintain and more expensive. He will be removing the storm windows currently on the house. Green Mountain, Pella, and Anderson windows were discussed. It was ultimately agreed Mr. Christellis would use wood windows only on the front and side of the house facing the street and could use aluminum on the rest of the house. The Commission voted to approve. He will probably use Pella all-wood replacements. The garage door and driveway will be replaced at a later date, and the applicant will return then. He was told he did not have to return in order to remove shutters.

Case No. 08-14: 14 Revere Street; John Hanlon, Jr., Prestige Homecare Corporation

Robert Bagdon attended in place of John Hanlon. The rear deck and sunroom will be replaced with a new livingroom and entrance to the house. Only the new entrance will be seen from the street. The same materials will be used as in the existing house. The septic system will be moved from the back yard to the front, and there will be a small change in grading in the front yard. Several pine trees will have to be removed. Also, foliage on the side of the house will be removed, as suggested by Conservation Coordinator Deb Dineen. Approval was granted.

Other business:

Hans Helgeson, 4 King Philip Road, came in for guidance on painting his house. He proposed a green shade for the clapboards, which the Commission did not think went well with the red barn. An off-white was suggested for the house or another color for the barn. Mr. Helgeson will return on October 16 with application and fee.

Lee Anne Male, 58 Concord Road, would like to paint her house with Benjamin Moore colors (Body – Hancock Gray; Trim – Linen White; Doors – Georgian Brick). The garage is being resided and will be painted, also. The applicant will return for a vote on October 16.

Carole Wolfe initiated discussion about an HDC designation on tax bills and questioned if requesting CPC funds would be worth the effort vs. asking for the money in the HDC budget for next year. The amount would come to approximately \$2,500 (software \$2,000; labor 33 hrs. @ \$15 per hr.).

Linda said another pole is needed for an Historic Districts sign and asked how much poles cost. The cost may be found in the files.

Linda also brought up the problem of the stone wall on Old Garrison Lane where landscapers are pilfering the stones. It was the opinion of the group that the HDC cannot take or enforce action, and the homeowner should engage the police and an attorney.

Submitted by:
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