



Town of Sudbury

Historic Districts Commission

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MINUTES

MARCH 3, 2022 AT 7:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present: Vice Chair Susanna Finn, Chris Hagger, Anuraj Shah, and Taryn Trexler

Members Absent: Chair Fred Taylor

Others Present: Director of Planning and Community Development Adam Duchesneau and Planning and Zoning Coordinator Beth Perry

Ms. Finn as the Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Old Business:

1. CONTINUED Public Hearing – Case 21-14, 47, 72, & 131 Wayside Inn Road (Assessor’s Maps L03-0001 and L03-0002), Applicant Daniel Nason, Public Works Director, and Owner Town of Sudbury, seek a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish, design, and reconstruct the current bridge over Hop Brook on Wayside Inn Road.

Ms. Finn made a motion to continue the public hearing for the 47, 72, & 131 Wayside Inn Road Certificate of Appropriateness application to the Historic Districts Commission meeting on April 7, 2022. Ms. Trexler seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Finn – Aye, Mr. Hagger – Aye, Mr. Shah – Aye, and Ms. Trexler – Aye.

New Business:

3. Public Hearing – Case 22-5, 353 Boston Post Road (Assessor’s Map K09-0051), Applicant Robert Lanigan and Owner Laura Palumbo Meier seek a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace two (2) existing signs with new signage.

Robert Lanigan was in attendance to discuss the application with the Historic Districts Commission. He described the proposed signage he wanted to install as replacements to the two existing signs currently on the building.

Ms. Trexler stated she felt it would be difficult to approve the proposed signage without more detailed plans.

Mr. Shah commented the size of the proposed front façade sign was bigger than what the Historic Districts Commission would prefer to see on a historic building and that it blocked a portion of the dormer. He indicated he felt the proposed signage should be made of wood or a synthetic that was painted as wood, and he also felt the signage needed some type of border.

Mr. Hagger noted the proposed front façade sign did not look symmetrical to the existing sign on the other side of the building.

There was then discussion regarding the overall size of the sign being proposed for the front façade.

Mr. Hagger asked what color the back of the signs would be as they would be visible from the public way. He also indicated his preference for the sign brackets to be painted black and Mr. Lanigan was agreeable to this request.

Mr. Shah made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness application for the signage at 353 Boston Post Road as submitted with the following conditions:

- The front sign facing Boston Post Road/Route 20 shall be 6 feet 4 inches wide and 2 feet high.
- The content and lettering of the front sign facing Boston Post Road/Route 20 shall be scaled down to fit the 6 foot 4 inch wide and 2 foot high dimensions for the sign, proportioned down to what is displayed in the application materials.
- Both signs shall be made out of PVC with matte finishes, with vinyl lettering with matte finishes.
- Both signs shall have a one (1) inch white border around their edges.
- The brackets for both signs shall be painted black.
- The back side of both signs shall be black.

Ms. Finn seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Finn – Aye, Mr. Hagger – Aye, Mr. Shah – Aye, and Ms. Trexler – Aye.

4. Public Hearing – Case 22-6, 361 Boston Post Road (Assessor’s Map K08-0026), Applicant Todd Faber and Owner Old World Realty Corp. Trustee seek a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows, doors, siding, rotten trim, and handicap accessible ramp

Applicant Todd Faber and owner John Krinsky were in attendance to discuss the application with the Historic Districts Commission.

Mr. Faber explained what would be changed on the building and what materials were being proposed for usage.

Mr. Shah requested to see the siding be brought back to something more period appropriate and felt that wood would be the best option. He also wanted to see wooden windows installed on the entire building.

Mr. Hagger suggested trying to match the attic windows, which he noted appeared to be original.

There was then discussion regarding the historical significance of the building, what it looked like in the past, and what the Historic Districts Commission wanted it to look like now. It was noted the doors were going to be replaced in like-for-like fashion.

There was discussion regarding the handicap accessible ramp, the materials that would be used to reconstruct it, and its current location, as well as possible alternative locations.

Ms. Finn made a motion to continue the public hearing for the 361 Boston Post Road Certificate of Appropriateness application to the Historic Districts Commission meeting on April 7, 2022. Mr. Shah seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Finn – Aye, Mr. Hagger – Aye, Mr. Shah – Aye, and Ms. Trexler – Aye.

Other Business:

Discussion regarding the Town of Sudbury becoming a Certified Local Government

Chris Hagger reported the Historical Commission had voted to have the Town seek to become a Certified Local Government with the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Mr. Shah asked for a brief description of what a being a Certified Local Government entailed and Mr. Hagger provided an explanation.

Ms. Trexler noted that if there was an interest by the Town in undertaking this endeavor, it should be conducted in the near future as there was an upcoming grant cycle in September of 2022 which the Town could benefit from. She also noted the Historic Districts Commission was currently seeking Community Preservation Act funding to update their Design Guidelines and if this project was not supported at the May 2022 Annual Town Meeting, pursuing Massachusetts Historical Commission funding could be another option.

Ms. Finn made a motion to approve the Town of Sudbury seeking to become a Certified Local Government with the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Mr. Hagger seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Finn – Aye, Mr. Hagger – Aye, Mr. Shah – Aye, and Ms. Trexler – Aye.

Discussion regarding Updating the Historic Districts Guidelines

Ms. Trexler indicated she had spoken with Mr. Taylor about having a meeting on this topic. She also noted she has been collecting sample guidelines from other communities to use as a base/template for the updated guidelines.

Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2022

Ms. Finn made a motion to approve the minutes from February 3, 2022 as amended. Mr. Shah seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Finn – Aye, Mr. Hagger – Aye, Mr. Shah – Aye, and Ms. Trexler – Aye.

Administrative Report/Update

There were no topics discussed under this item.

New Business:

2. Public Hearing – Case 22-4, 15 Curtiss Circle (Assessor’s Map J04-0344), Applicant Jaime Morin and Owner Steven Meshon seek a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace four (4) windows

There was no one in attendance to discuss the matter with the Historic Districts Commission.

Ms. Finn made a motion to continue the public hearing for the 15 Curtiss Circle Certificate of Appropriateness application to the Historic Districts Commission meeting on April 7, 2022. Mr. Shah seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Finn – Aye, Mr. Hagger – Aye, Mr. Shah – Aye, and Ms. Trexler – Aye.

At 10:20 PM, Ms. Finn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Shah seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Finn – Aye, Mr. Hagger – Aye, Mr. Shah – Aye, and Ms. Trexler – Aye.