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MINUTES

May 4, 2023 AT 7:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members Present: Chair Anuraj Shah, Vice Chair Taryn Trexler, Chris Hagger, Pete Iovanella, Griff Noble and Jordan Wachs

Members Absent: none

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

Mr. Shah called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Old Business:

Public Hearing – Case 23-03, 49 Carriage Way (Assessor’s Map K04-0520), Applicant Boston Solar c/o Katherine Diamond and Owner Roger Goudarzi seek a Certificate of Appropriateness to install solar panels.

Roger Goudarzi Applicant and Stefan Rosellini, Boston Solar were present to discuss the application with the Historic Districts Commission.

Mr. Goudarzi mentioned the solar array was incorrectly placed on the original plans submitted. He also commented that he did not know what size shed he would need to hide the solar array. He illustrated the proposed location of the solar arrays, and plans on placing them 2-3 feet in the ground.

Pete Iovanella joined the meeting at this time.

Commissioners in general were fine with the placement of the solar array after further explanation.

There was a discussion regarding how to approve the shed/landscape to conceal the solar array.

Mr. Shah made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 49 Carriage Way as submitted with the following condition:

- The equipment mounted to the front of the house shall remain screened by landscaping of the owner's choice.

Ms. Trexler seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shah – Aye, Ms. Trexler – Aye, Mr. Hagger – Nay, Mr. Iovanella - Abstain, Mr. Noble - Abstain and Mr. Wachs- Aye

Public Hearing – Case 23-05, 285 Concord Road (Assessor's Map H09-0009), Applicants and Owners Ian Halbert and Jamie Burgoyne Halbert seek a Certificate of Appropriateness to install solar panels.

Ian Halbert Owner and applicant presented his application.

Mr. Halbert commented on the last meeting that was presented by his installer. There was no other way to reconfigure that panels to get enough output to suit his needs.

Mr. Shah indicated he thought the back portion of the house would be fine for panels.

Other commissioners added similar comments

Mr. Wachs asked about mounting some panels on an angle to get the maximum energy collection.

Janie Dretler, Goodman's Hill Road, questioned the tree cutting and if it needs to be approved by Conservation Commission.

Ms. Trexler made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 285 Concord Road with the following conditions:

- Roof mounted solar panels to be limited to the rear, west gable of the roof of the primary structure, to the roof of the rear addition, and the roof of the rear, lower porch
- The Historic Districts Commission is open to mounting the solar panels in various ways to maximize efficiency, upon the condition that the applicant returns to review the new design.
- Solar panels to be black as presented in the application.

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

Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2023

Ms. Trexler made a motion to approve the minutes from April 13, 2023 as amended.

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

Discussion regarding Historic Districts Commission Design Guidelines

Mr. Shah would like to start with Solar

Possible Future Agenda Items

Discuss topics for joint HDC/HC meeting as required under the Certified Local Government designation.

Administrative Report/Update

Mr. Duchesneau announced to the Commission that he has resigned, and his last day is May 19, 2023.

At 9:15 PM, Mr. Hagger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Iovanella seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shah – Aye, Ms. Trexler – Aye, Mr. Hagger – Aye, Mr. Iovanella – Aye, Mr. Noble – Aye and Mr. Wachs – Aye.