

Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom

August 18, 2020 @ 5:30pm

Members present: Jason Berger, (JB); Patricia Jaouen, (PJ); Ken Fowler, (KF)

Absent with Notification: Cindy Farkus (CF)

Absent without Notification: Kameron Spaulding (KS)

Staff present: Jessica Cote, Land Use Assistant

Others members of public present: Pam Sandler, Peter Alcorn, Olga Weiss

JB opened the meeting at 5:31pm.

1. Application for 81 Church Street, Certificate of Appropriateness

- Peter Alcorn is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for alteration of front porch and removal of stairs on rear portion of building and the inclusion of a covered deck at 81 Church St., Map 43 Parcel 183.
- Pam Sandler, architect for applicant, explained the proposed project. Clients want to bring building back to original form. The porch will become an open porch which it originally was.
- Home will have a slate roof and clapboard siding and the colors will be similar as it is now. There will also be a new covered deck in the rear.
- Pam explained another part of project is a small garage in the rear of the property which will be visible from the street. It will be a one car garage. The garage will be slate roof and cedar shake siding and wood garage door and stone veneer at the bottom.
- KF asked the current material of the existing roof. Pam stated the existing roof is asphalt, however, the porch and garage will have a slate roof once completed.
- JB asked for an explanation of the window changes. Pam stated they will be two over two. Brand new aluminum clad exterior and wood in the interior.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Olga Weiss, representing Lenox Historical Commission, congratulated Peter and Pam for their restoration of 81 Church Street. Olga stated it is refreshing to see someone that has a sense of history and improve the historical look of a downtown building. Peter has 100% of the Historical Commission backing.
- KF moved to approve application as presented with changes described during zoom meeting - turned columns instead of square. PJ seconds. All in favor 3-0.
- JB moves to have Jessica Cote, Land Use Assistant, sign. KF seconds. All in favor 3-0. The Board voted to allow Jessica Cote, Land Use Assistant, to sign the Certificate of Appropriateness on their behalf.

2. Approval of February 4, 2020 and July 28, 2020 minutes

- PJ moved to accept February 4, 2020 minutes as presented. KF second. All in favor 3-0.
- KF moved to accept July 28, 2020 minutes as presented. PJ second. All in favor 3-0.

KF moved to adjourn at 5:49pm. PJ seconds. All in favor 3-0.