
Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes 09/05/2017

Historic District Commission Minutes Landuse Meeting Room September 5, 2017

Members present: Acting Chair Jason Berger, (JB); Mark Smith (MS); Pat Jaouen (PJ)

Absent with notification: Chair Ken Fowler, (KF)

Absent without notification: Elaine Steinert, (ES); Kameron Spaulding, (KS)

Staff present: Peggy Ammendola, Land Use Clerk, (PA)

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Oliver K.G. Beckmann, at 26 Church St., Map 43 Parcel 161, Certificate of Appropriateness remodeling. The project is to increase the size of the bay window that is located on the first story, front of the building.

Presenting the application was Drew Davis of Chestnut Realty of Springfield, MA. Mr. Davis reviewed the two drawings of the structure, one existing and one as proposed.

The first floor of the building is retail and the ceiling is low so the proposal is to create a larger bay window, replacing the existing. Mr. Davis said that the new window will be an Anderson, vinyl clad and measures 4 feet by 5 feet. It will be like the other, divided, but just larger. The roof material will be asphalt, similar to what is there now.

It was noted that the sketch for the proposed remodeling, showed different doors. Mr. Davis told the Commission that only the window was being changed.

MS made a motion to approve the window as presented and PJ seconded the motion. The Commission voted to approve 3-0.

Other Business: An informal note was hand delivered to the Land Use Office by Frank Newton on July 18, 2017 attached to a brochure for The Gateways Inn. Mr. Newton told PA, the Land Use Clerk, that the brochure gave credit to architects Mead, McKim and White, but Mr. Newton disputed, saying that the Gateways was built 6 years after the death of Mr. White. PA put this item on the July 18th agenda under other business, but due to a lack of quorum, this meeting was canceled. The following meeting was August 15, 2017, but this item was overlooked. The consensus of the Commission was that it would not be appropriate for the Commission to comment on potential misinformation therefore no action would be taken.

MS made a motion to adjourn and PJ seconded the motion. The Commission voted to agree and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Approve Minutes:

June 20, 2017- Tabled. KF, JB, & MS

July 4, 2017-Holiday

July 18, 2017-There wasn't a meeting as there was not a quorum. These are the notes.

August 1, 2017-Canceled

August 15, 2017-Tabled. KF, KS, & MS

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Ammendola