Belmont Historic District Commission

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Meeting Held Remotely via Zoom

Commission Members Present:

☑ Lisa Harrington, Chair
☑ Lauren Meier
☑ Michael Smith
☑ Nushin Yazdi

☑ Carl Solander☑ Carol Moyles☑ Michael Chesson

Staff Present: Christine Zale

Community Members Present: Cathy Yeo, Chris Yates, Evanthia Malliris, John Beatty, Jose Mizhirumbay, Julie Brody Magid, Phil Thayer, Julias iPhone

Lisa Harrington presiding; Michael Chesson, Minutes

Agenda items

1. **Meeting called to order** at 7:03 PM by L. Harrington

2. Application for a Certificate of Non-Applicability

- a. Case 21-10: 11 Sunnyside Place, Repair and painting of shed.
 - Owner plans major repairs to an old shed, paint color to be close to original; house color approved in 2020.
 - L. Meier said without a change no vote taken; suggested owner reapply for a Certificate of Appropriateness, informal approval.
 - C. Zale said a formal vote can be taken at next meeting, 13 July.

3. New Public Hearing:

- a. Case 21-11: 480 Concord Ave. Unit C:
 - Cathy Yeo likes the four replacement windows she had installed, and wants to add five more Andersen replacements eight over one. Both sets to be painted at the same time.
 - N. Yazdi made a site visit, liked the appearance. New certificate required now, same color paint.
 - M. Smith moved approval; N. Yazdi seconded. Unanimous vote.
- b. Case 21-12; 618 Pleasant Street:
 - John Beatty spoke for Evanthia Malliris. Plan is to upgrade the driveway and put down pavers for the patio at the bottom.
 - L. Meier made a site visit, said it's very nice, subtle, a good addition, and moved approval. N. Yazdi seconded. Unanimous approval. Case closed.
- c. Case 21-14; 596 Pleasant Street:

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- Owners have requested a delay so they can submit drawings.
- C. Solander and N. Yazdi made a site visit and requested the drawings. C. Solander reported the details.
- d. Case 21-15; 480 Concord Ave., Unit D:
 - Jose Mizhirumbay, of Power Construction, Roofing, and Siding Corp spoke.
 - L. Meier said it was a minor roofing repair, and asked that the new shingled match the old color. A rubber roof will replace the current one. Shingles and roof to be black; add this to certificate.
 - Contractor said the shingles will be colonial black.
 - M. Smith moved to approve; L. Meier seconded. Unanimous.
- e. Case 21-16; 7 Sunnyside Place:
 - Julie Brody Magid said palette has been approved, Benjamin Moore, slightly different shades and colors.
 - L. Meier said it will be more neutral; N. Yazdi liked the gray over green, said it was nice; C. Solander said it was very saturated, on an addendum to the application.
 - Ms Magid said the original colors were Philadelphia cream and Lafayette green.
 - L. Meier moved approval; N. Yazdi seconded. Unanimous vote.
- f. Case 21-17; 455 Concord Ave.
 - David Blazon, new Belmont Director of facilities, explained project to repair plaster and paint the ceiling and walls, and replace the carpet of the Select Board Meeting Room.
 - L. Harrington and M. Smith made two site visits for a general overview, and then a detailed examination.
 - Lengthy discussion by N, Yazdi, M. Smith, L. Meier, and C. Solander, with responses from D. Blazon.
 - C. Moyles suggested another type of carpet, and N. Nushin a different flooring.
 - L. Meier moved to continued hearing, seconded by C. Solander. Unanimous approval.

4. New Business:

- a. Upcoming projects for HDC review
 - i. McLean Barn—C. Solander reported that the Land Management Committee will attend HDC July 13 meeting.
 - ii. L. Meier suggested asking the Town Clerk about a charette on barn usage, and learning from D. Blazon the type of anti-graffiti coating that was applied so that it can be safely removed and reapplied after removal of vandalism.

5. Continuing Discussions:

a. Property Updates: N/A

- **b.** McLean site plan review
 - i. L. Meier said she'd contacted Steve Pinkerton, chair of Planning Board about residents' concerns.
 - ii. Discussion by L. Meier and C. Solander about the best way to proceed in a project jointly overseen by two committees.
 - iii. L. Harrington will see if the developer can come on July 13.
 - iv. M. Smith asked C. Zale to send the link for project binder.
- **c.** Discussion of in person HDC meetings or continuing via Zoom. Consensus for Zoom.
- **d.** Administrative Matters
 - i. GIS Map—C. Zale will try to get updates.
- e. Catalog of historic buildings and structures requested by CPC for potential CPA funded projects
 - i. Draft a list of town-owned buildings and other properties, and those held by non-profits; and a list of possible future projects eligible for CPA funds.
 - ii. Hold a group meeting to discuss historic inventory in town.
 - iii. M. Chesson to prepare a draft.
 - iv. Vincent Stanton, Community Path Committee, has asked M. Smith for meeting with HDC, to discuss area from Stone Bridge to Municipal Light building. L. Harrington will circulate a list of possible dates.
- **f.** HDC membership update: two architect candidates have been found, awaiting appointment by Select Board. Realtor still needed; SB likes to pick from two candidates.
- **g.** Demolition Delay Bylaw renewal: It expires in 2022. Goal to make it permanent, go before Town Meeting with Planning Board as a co-sponsor. Proposal has to go through the Bylaw Review Committee.
- h. Work Plan

i. Police Station: M. Smith reported some work still needs to be done, mostly exterior, including painting.

- ii. Municipal Light Building: L. Harrington said that Glenn Clancy and OCD has to put out a bid.
- Update Design Guidelines: C. Solander said new members could take a fresh look at them. L. Meier said regulatory language must be consistent, and available online. C. Moyles suggested dividing guidelines into sections for work.
- iv. HDC webpage needs updating. L. Meier volunteered to do a scrub.
- 6. Minutes: L. Meier moved to approve as amended minutes for March 9, May 11, and May 29. Seconded by C. Solander, N. Yazdi, and M. Smith. Unanimous approvals.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 13, 2021; minutes assigned to L. Meier. M. Smith moved for adjournment. Unanimous second at 9:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Chesson