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Belmont Historic District Commission
Meeting minutes
June 2018 Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 19th, 2018

Time: 7:30 – 9:00

Location : Belmont Town Hall , Conference Room 2

Commission members present : Lauren Meier, co-chair, Lisa Harrington, co-chair, Kathy Fahey, Lydia Ogilby, member emeritus, Nushin Yazdi,

Not Present: Jacob Cohen, Michael Chesson, Michael Smith, Terry McCarthy, Sue Pew
Spencer Gober, Office of community development
Members of Public: Raleigh Finlayson

7:30 pm Meeting called to order

1. 624 Pleasant Street:

Open Public Hearing:

Replacing and expanding the Deck: at the rear of the House. Repairing parts of the deck (fence). Expanding and replacing the existing deck with Ipe wood decking material and replacing the existing balustrades with Intex, Nautilus Style. Sample and video of the material was presented to the committee.

L. Meier referring to presentation said she was pleasantly surprised with the quality of new material presented. It will be “precedent-setting” to allow use of substitute material to replace natural wood in Historic District. As discussed, replacing rotted and porous material with original material is a difficult task as superior quality of original wood no longer exist in newer species. New technological advancement should be carefully examined as they may allow alternative solutions to substitute the quality and craftsmanship of original designs.

The motion to approve the project as presented was passed provided the confirmation of building department requirements for documentation.

L. Harrington noted that HDC should come up with a list of approved product lines for use as substitute materials.

2. 661 Pleasant Street, Belmont Women Club

Motion was approved to install a vent for the new bathroom under the exterior eave.

3. 445 Concord Ave:

Install temporary railing along the fire lane and retaining wall, which will be removed once permanent solution is identified, reached and approved.

L. Meier expressed confusion as to what was being proposed? Is Mass Historical Commission’s approval needed for such installation due to preservation restriction? What is the nature of repair and restoration? What is being proposed for temporary repair? Health and safety concerns were also raised. How will the temporary structure

be attached to existing permanent materials (drawings to show impact on railing and connection to existing). The motion to continue the hearing to upcoming meetings was approved.

4. Updates on other HDC cases:

5. Mclean Barn

S. Gober to schedule a subcommittee meeting on graffiti removal and other related issues.

Belmont Police Station and Municipal light building renovation was approved by Town Meeting.

6. No other updates to report at this time

7. Minutes for March and May meeting were approved as written.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Respectfully submitted, Nushin

Yazdi