

**Belmont Historic District Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:00pm
Remote Meeting

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DATE: July 10, 2020
TIME: 9:33 AM

Commission Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Harrington, Co-Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Solander |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Meier, Co-Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Smith, Alternate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Chesson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nushin Yazdi, Alternate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kathy Fahey | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tracy Marquis | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry McCarthy | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sue Pew | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Cheek, Emeritus | |

Staff Member(s) Present:

- ☒ Ara Yogurtian, Office of Community Development

Community Members Present:

Timothy McCann, J.E Fournier roofing,

Gallagher Hannan, designer

Michael Fallon, District resident

7:03 PM Meeting called to order.

1. New Public Hearings

- 631 Pleasant street Case #20-05, scope: remove the asphalt shingles and rubber temperance and replace with the same material
 - T. McCann of J.E.Fournier Roofing presented the project stating that they plan to remove existing asphalt shingles and rubber membrane roofing to repair damage, replacing deteriorating tin with rubber on the lower roof. Replacing the Asphalt shingles with Moire Black by CertainTeed Pro to match existing.
 - A motion was made by T.Marquis and seconded and approved unanimously for a Certificate of Appropriateness to be issued.

2. Continued Public Hearing

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- Case#20-04 7 Alexander Avenue

G. Hannan proposed new garage and site improvement included complete roofing, window and paint specifications for the new Garage and changing cobble stone size that was presented last month to larger 5x11s. New painted cedar fence matching the existing was not clearly marked on the submitted site plan. Motion to approve the certificate of appropriateness was made by T. Marquis second and unanimously approved pending submission of completed site plan

- Case#19-13,19 Moore Street

Continued discussion on replacing existing light pole and installing small cell node to be postponed to next month as they are still working with Belmont Light.

Public Hearing moved to next HDC meeting on June 9th

3. Public Meeting:

- 486 Concord avenue

Michael Fallon, owner joined the meeting to seek advice on restoration of the exterior stucco and trim in order to preserve the character of his Colonial Revival house. He noted that over the years patch work repairs by previous owners are inconsistent and visibly different. L. Harrington offered to send him literature on mineral translucent base coating that could preserve original brush strokes. T. Marquis suggested, while difficult to match the existing, look for a contractor who is familiar with this type of stucco application. It was suggested that mockup samples of paint and trim could be done onsite for members to examine before submission.

4. Continuing Discussions

a. McLean Zone 3 Overlay HDC comments

- Members were encouraged to read the comprehensive plan and incorporate comments. M. Smith commented that the energy and section was well-done and comprehensive thanks to participation of T. Marquis and C. Solander during planning sessions. Volunteers needed to attend planning board meeting.
- T. Marquis volunteered to review and comment.

b. Work plan/ HDC Projects Update/ HDC capacity

- While C. Zale has been taking the extra load and doing a great job; with S. Gober gone the Planning position needs to be filled soon.
 - i. Municipal Light Building - Current situation does not allow for the capacity for RFP condition assessment. CPC to postpone the project. It should not affect the funding allocation.

ii. Police Station - M. Smith reports that construction is going well and is on schedule for the most part.

iii. General Bylaws /Historic District - Goals for next year focus on core mission, project application approvals and building committee liaison .The Subcommittees on hold for now.

c. HDC membership

- The chairs L. Meier planning to step down as Chair. L. Harrington Co-chair is not in the position to take over; leaving a huge gap as she takes care of the lion share of the committee responsibilities. Everyone expressed gratitude for all the hard work that L. Meier does for the committee. We need to reach out to recruit new members based on the HDC mandate.

5. Minutes

- Review and approval of minutes
 - Outstanding minutes for Feb meeting needs to be completed
 - Minutes from 04/14/2020 were approved as amended
- Assignment of Minutes
 - C. Solander will take minutes at the meeting on 06/09/2020

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:36. Next meeting on June 9th at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nushin Yazdi