



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Judge Welsh Hearing Room

February 15, 2012

3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Polly Burnell, Marcene Marcoux,
and David McGlothlin.

Alternate Present: Benji Fox

Member Absent: John Dowd

Alternate Absent: Lynne Corbett

Staff: Maxine Notaro

The meeting, taking place sans PTV, was opened by Polly Burnell at 3:30 p.m.

Work Session 3:30 p.m.

●Public Statements

There were none.

●Administrative Reviews

459 Commercial St – (the Richter house) which is fairly modern architecture would like a stairway on the bay side for egress from the 2nd floor. It will be a copper colored tone and circular - not white. Polly said that it's a complicated decision. The builder asked - what if we move it around the corner and you might not even see it. Would that work? The issue about the spiral is to keep the footprint small.

David said that we tend to give a lot of latitude on the water side. He has no problem with the spiral case but could we shift it to the right?

The HDC all agreed. Polly would like the adjusted plan brought in but the job is approved. The plan was approved but the stairway will be moved to the back.

508 Commercial Street – The builder wants to replace in kind with one over one windows – Maxine said that she needed a spec sheet. The builder returned with the spec sheet and the project was approved.

4B Anthony Street – The owner already had permission to remove things on the back of the building but one window will not be installed. It's not visible from a public way. This project was approved.

520 Commercial Street - Robert Valois is just resubmitting the plan because of the questions about the scale and proportions of the window. He was thanked for the resubmission.

184 Bradford Street – A deck will be redone and it will have to have captured balusters. The project was approved provided a sample of the captured balusters is brought in for formal approval. The submitted drawings will be stamped.

Work Session

Maxine Notaro discussed comments that applicants had about meetings they had attended. The comments/complaints ranged from “not being able to hear any comments the Commissioners made” to “resenting having to wait patiently in the audience while the Commissioners redesigned a project by drawing over the submitted plans” and on and on. All the comments will be taken under advisement.

7 Arch Street – Evidently a fence was installed and the abutters have no problem with it. The owners had no idea that an historic application was necessary. Benji said that – as a property owner – it's your responsibility to know what laws govern you. This is pro fence and David doesn't have a problem with it but what are we going to do about it; the fence has been in the ground since the end of October.

Next an air conditioning unit has been installed in the parking lot of Fanizzi's. After much discussion about guidelines – other business' air conditioners – David said, “Why don't we just call up Paul (owner of Fanizzi's) and ask him what his intentions are, i.e., will it be enclosed – or what?” David added, “Talk about consistency – what about all the many air conditioners which have been installed for businesses?”

Maxine said that she will have Russell Braun call Paul.

Next the two chimneys that have been torn down were discussed. These situations will be followed up.

- Review and approve previous minutes

The following minutes were amended and approved over the last two meetings on February 1st and 15th. They will be found on the Town's website: The minutes are for February 1st, January 4th, December 7th, November 16th, and November 2nd.

- Any other business that shall properly come before the board

Adjournment happened at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Gaudiano

E. Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by _____ on _____, 2012.
John Dowd, Chairman