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Minutes

May 2, 2024

In accordance with Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting will be held through remote conference technology only.

Julia Tarka called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm. Members in attendance: Julia Tarka, co-chair, Peter Rosbeck, co-chair, Ken Magnuson, Hilary Grannis, Susan Catling. James Cisek, Christopher Scott, Alternate, Cari Williamson arrived late.

Julia Tarka provided public hearing protocol. Sharon Brainard read the public hearing notice into record.

PH 75 South Summer. Agent, Josh Gothard has postponed the public hearing.

Susan Catling made a motion to approve the minutes, Cari Williamson seconded.

Ken Magnuson discussed all board members receive copies of desk approvals.
Unanimous vote to approve.

113 PH South Water. Agent, David Collier shared his renderings and discussed his application, panels were removed facing the lighthouse and Cape Pogue and some of the panels facing the road. Julia Tarka asked what are the policies of the commonwealth to encourage solar that you would like the commission to consider on this project? Answer: There is a piece of code that call out the different goals established by the Commonwealth, how that often becomes green energy involved with the different historical societies and we are trying to find common ground. We revised the plan to be a value to our client and in accordance with the HDC, and feel we are in a bit of a hard space to give her enough solar energy to make it worthwhile, working with a limited space. We utilized the garage and all panels facing the water and the array that is slightly visible from the street, the lower roof is much more

visible so moved the panels to the top. They are black and impossible to hide, they are low profile and low to the roof. In a situation like this we go with a smaller profile which is 2.5, adjustable, the very top of the solar panel would be 3 7/8" from the roof and shingle, we go with the smallest one possible. Julia Tarka open the hearing to the public, seeing none the board moved to deliberation. The board stated they appreciated all their work and that they took the board's changes. Julia Tarka made a motion to continue this application to get more information on the MA Green Standards that the applicant would like us to consider, Peter Rosbeck seconded. *Unanimous vote to continue to a public hearing May 16, 2024 at 4:00 pm.*

39 Main Longfellow Design, Agent shared their rendering, they don't want to replace the window but to reconstruct the sashes only and use antique aged glass to mirror what is existing and clean up the original framework. Peter Rosbeck stated the applicant has really listened to us and taken the suggestion of refurbishing these windows. Motion to approve as submitted made by Hilary Grannis seconded by James Cisek. *Unanimous vote by the board to approve as submitted.*

71 Davis Lane, Conover Restoration, agent shared his renderings, the bike shed, natural cedar left to weather, completely open air. If preferable, wood for the roof or metal. Agent shared his renderings and discussed the application. Traditional 3' picket fence, a pool in the back. The bike shed size was discussed, natural cedar left to weather, as low as possible to get a pitch for a roof, completely open air and tight to the building, the roof is flat metal or wood if preferred. 4 x 4 cedar posts and a simple rafter to support the roof, a lattice weave to block the view from the road. A natural weathered fence to cover the A/C compressors. A single gate, self-closing, pool code compliant in the back of the garage. Julia Tarka asked for board feedback. Ken confirmed you could see the left side lattice. A simple open frame structure with 4 posts to support the roof. You would not see the bikes behind it. Julia Tarka spoke of how the proposal added to the massing of this property and encouraged the board members to view it. Ken Magnuson spoke of how to reduce the massing as well and also why is there a cement slate already poured? Answer: For the bikes or trash bins or something else. Ken Magnuson discussed when the proposal first came in and the bike shed was not approved to not add to the massing. Patrick Ahearn got the permit originally and the bike shed was taken off the proposal. Julia Tarka stated the roof, 6' of lattice at the back of the property which I feel is already over built. James Cisek feels it is overburdening for a copper roof for a bike shed for what is already on the property. Motion to move to a public hearing and site visit made by Cari Williamson, seconded by Susan Catling. The pool fence has three options, H 4' not 5', a picket fence left to weather and a left to weather frame with a black mesh on it. This is the whole permit. Julia asked the board for comments, she did not think the back mesh would be approved as it is not historic. Peter Rosbeck suggest a 4' white picket fence on the left side and also scale down the bike shed, even a pergola to

create some screening behind the bushes for the bikes but not as a structure extension of that end of the house. *Unanimous vote by the board to send to a public hearing and site visit.*

62 South Water, Conover Restoration. Agent shared his renderings and discussed the application showing a traditional 3' picket fence on Cooke. Proposing to put the fence back to where it originally was from street side to where a proposed arbor is shown, putting the gate back and leaving the retaining wall. The current owners removed the original fence and put in a tiny three-foot retaining wall. In the rear put a straight gate, an arbor and 5.5' vertical, cedar fence to block the compressors and create a back stop for the driveway. The property line fence is stained a white/gray and would this be allowed for the back fence and let the white cap rail fence match the street side. Julia Tarka asked the board for feedback. Ken Magnuson questioned the wire fencing shown. Answer: That is the common property line with the neighbors and it's not on this proposal, the owners would come back to HDC. Cari Williamson, Susan Catling likes the lattice on top with no preference, Peter Rosbeck likes the lattice and prefers painted white. Agent summarized the proposal, the 5.5' section would match the common property line fence, the gate and the low picket fence would replace what used to be there and the color is white. Motion to approve with white paint made by Hilary Grannis seconded by Susan Catling. *Unanimous vote by the board to approve the 5.5 fence to match common property line fence, the gate and low picket fence is painted white.*

30 Pease's Point Way North did not show up.

11 & 13 Dock Street. Bill Roman discussed the application and shared their renderings. The old and new windows were shown side by side as well as the new steps and benches. Agent discussed the window removed did not have original glass. Peter Rosbeck asked if there was a building permit. Answer: No, I didn't think I needed one. Peter spoke about the window which was removed and stated that this was an old window, you can see the styles are smaller, and a clad window replaced it: after what we put 39 Main through to retain the original windows, this is a window that everyone walks by, the back brand new pressure treated deck looks awful and this big of a structure did not have a permit. I don't know how all this work is being done without a permit, the building department would have said go through Historic District for an application and approval. Agent stated the builder was Serrano. Hilary Grannis pointed out the two windows are nothing alike, I feel so strongly about not putting Anderson windows in the Historic District, if you look at the top window that is an old wood window and is integrated, recessed, into the structure because it is part of it. A nice shadow line, an uneven surface occurs with old windows, which is important in the Historic District. The new window is flat, no character and stuck onto the building, there is a piece of vinyl around the outside of the window. There is nothing historic about this, I feel very strongly getting rid of

the clad window and getting a window like the original one and having it installed properly, recessed to see the jam and that is what an historic window should look like. James thought the rest of the front façade should have new shingles and the pressure treated benches split and splinter and should be replaced, this is for public use. Agent: The pressure treated deck was there before and was replaced with the same material. Would you like me to stain it? Peter Rosbeck commented on the new window, if you look at the top of the old window the trim lines up with the courses of the old shingles and the builder could not even put in the new window lining up with the shingle course. Julia Tarka asked for a window replacement from the board. Ken Magnuson wants a custom, historic window to be built. Peter Rosbeck mentioned Norwood and Boston Sash to remake the window, there are quite a few to choose from. Susan Catling agrees with Hilary Grannis, the window needs to be recessed as it was, the pressure treated benches treated with solid stain would look nicer. Agent is going to provide samples. Ken Magnuson said there are details missing from the new bench that the original had. Agent: The old benches were attached front and back with L brackets to make them strong, on these the bench itself sits on a layer of 2 x material which is bolted to the deck so that is why the design was omitted. The sides of the deck were not changed, they are open. The rear post on the hand rail is changed as well, it is in a different location. Agent: We could try to remove the benches and adding the detail back. Julia Tarka also mentioned the contractor should show up to the meeting. A motion was made to send to a public hearing was made by Peter Rosbeck seconded by James Cisek. Cari Williamson made a suggestion about the stain, there is a darker color for weathered wood to choose from. *Unanimous vote by the board to send to a public hearing.*

New/Old Business

James Cisek spoke about the demolition hearing for the Prada house is tonight at 6:30 on the MV Commission website.

Julia Tarka asked the board if she should have a conversation with Reade Milne regarding the contractor license for 11 & 13 Dock Street, consensus was yes. Peter Rosbeck said the owner should know a permit was needed since they have done other work on their property.

Executive Session was scheduled for May 16, 2024 at 3:30.

James Cisek made a Motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peter Rosbeck.
Unanimous vote by the board to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Sharon Brainard, Administrator

Approved: _____ 05/02/2024
As voted