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**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
NEWTONVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

DATE: August 1, 2024

PLACE/TIME: Full Remote Zoom Meeting
7:30 p.m.

ATTENDING: Jim Gross, Chair
Scott Friedman, Member
John Martin, Member
David Weinstein, Member
Barbara Kurze, Commission Staff

ABSENT: Ralph Abele, Member

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Jim Gross presiding as Chair. Voting permanent members were S. Friedman, J. Martin, and D. Weinstein. B. Kurze acted as recording secretary and the meeting was digitally recorded on Zoom.

Violation of the Historic District Ordinance at 218 Walnut Street
Request for Certificate of Appropriateness to Remediate Violation at 218 Walnut Street

The owners started the removal and replacement of a section of the slate roof on the back of the church; this project was not reviewed or approved by the commission.

Dennis Chien and Kaedan Williams presented the application to remediate the violation. They proposed replacement slate that matched the existing slate from that roof area.

Materials Reviewed:

APPLICATION LINK: <https://newtonma.viewpointcloud.com/records/833999>

PDF File: Compiled 218 Walnut slate roof

Assessors database map

Photos of the church

Roof plan showing area to be replaced

Photos of existing and proposed slate samples

Photos of roof work

Slate product specifications

Roof plans and aerial views

MHC Form B

Commissioners agreed that the work was in violation. J. Gross moved to confirm that the work to replace the section of slate roof at the back of the church was done without getting Historic approval and was in violation. D. Weinstein seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote, and the motion passed, 4-0.

Commissioners agreed that the proposed replacement slate would match the existing and was appropriate. Tim LeBlanc commended the applicants for their work to find a match for the slate. D. Weinstein moved to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the remediation plan. S. Friedman seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote, and the motion passed, 4-0.

RECORD OF ACTION:

DATE: August 1, 2024

SUBJECT: 218 Walnut Street – Confirmation of Violation of the Historic District Ordinance

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on August 1, 2024, the Newtonville Historic District Commission, by vote of 4-0,

RESOLVED to confirm that there is a violation of the Historic District Ordinance at 218 Walnut Street as the owners started work to remove and replace a section of the slate roof on the back of the church without Commission review and approval.

Voting in the Affirmative:

Jim Gross, Chair

John Martin, Member

Scott Friedman, Member

David Weinstein, Member

RECORD OF ACTION:

DATE: August 1, 2024

SUBJECT: 218 WALNUT ST - Certificate of Appropriateness

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on August 1, 2024 the Newtonville Historic District Commission, by roll call vote of 4-0,

RESOLVED to **grant** a Certificate of Appropriateness for the project as submitted at 218 WALNUT ST to replace a section of the slate roof on the back of the church in-kind with matching slate.

Voting in the Affirmative:

- Jim Gross, Chair
- John Martin, Member
- Scott Friedman, Member
- David Weinstein, Member

Voting in the Negative:

Abstained:

Recused:

Administrative discussion

Minutes: The June 2024 minutes were approved.

Commission elections: Elections were postponed until the September meeting so that more commissioners could be present.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Recorded by B. Kurze