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

DATE: September 26, 2024

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

ATTENDING: Jim Gross, Chair
Ralph Abele, Member
David Weinstein, Member
Timothy LeBlanc, Alternate
Barbara Kurze, Commission Staff

ABSENT: Scott Friedman, Member
John Martin, Member

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Jim Gross presiding as Chair. Voting permanent members were R. Abele and D. Weinstein. T. LeBlanc was appointed to vote. B. Kurze acted as recording secretary and the meeting was digitally recorded on Zoom.

167 Lowell Avenue – Certificate of Appropriateness

Vasso Mathes presented an application to remove the existing chain link fencing and to install six-foot-tall closed board cedar fencing along the back, left, and right property lines. A section of the fencing would connect the left-side fence to the front edge of the two-story open porch. Another section of fencing would run between the back of the house and the side of the garage to close off the left side yard, and a gate would be installed at the front of the house and one at the back. The owners had surveyed the property to make sure the fence was on their land and had reviewed the project with the abutters who were fine with it.

Materials Reviewed:

APPLICATION LINK: <https://newtonma.viewpointcloud.com/records/840292>

PDF File: Compiled 167 Lowell

Assessors database map

Photos

Plan marked to show location of fences and gates

Photos of fence and hardware

MHC Form B

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Commissioners said the proposed project was appropriate. D. Weinstein commented that it was a good quality fence and suggested the owners could consider a shorter fence or a fence with spaced pickets for the section connecting to the two-story porch. Tim LeBlanc suggested transitioning the left-side fence to come down to the height of the porch floor instead of the railing. D. Weinstein moved to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application as submitted. T. LeBlanc seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote, and the motion passed, 4-0.

RECORD OF ACTION:

DATE: September 27, 2024

SUBJECT: 167 LOWELL AVE - Certificate of Appropriateness

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on September 26, 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 167 LOWELL AVE to remove the existing chain link fence and install six-foot-tall closed board cedar fencing along the back, left, and right property lines and to connect the left-side fence to the front edge of the two-story open porch, and install two gates.

Voting in the Affirmative:

- Jim Gross, Chair
- Ralph Abele, Member
- David Weinstein, Member
- Timothy LeBlanc, Alternate

Voting in the Negative:

Abstained:

Recused:

Administrative discussion

Minutes: The May 2024 minutes were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Recorded by B. Kurze