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# MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS AUBURNDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

DATE: August 13, 2024

PLACE/TIME: **Fully Remote** 

7:00 p.m.

**ATTENDING: Dante Capasso, Chair** 

> Richard Alfred, Member Paul Dudek, Member Nancy Grissom, Member Joel Shames, Member Barbara Kurze, Staff

**ABSENT:** James Miller, Alternate

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Dante Capasso presiding as Chair. Voting permanent members were R. Alfred, P. Dudek, N. Grissom, and J. Shames. B. Kurze acted as recording secretary and the meeting was recorded on Zoom.

# **360 Central Street – Certificates of Appropriateness**

David Levoy presented the application to remove the brick paver area connecting the driveway to the back entry porch, and remove the first stair tread at the porch. They would raise the grade and level the area and put down Uniblock pavers.

#### Materials Reviewed:

APPLICATION LINK: https://newtonma.viewpointcloud.com/records/833727

Pdf: Compiled 360 Central walkway

Assessors database map

Survey

Project description

**Photos** 

Plan

**Product information** 

MHC Form B

Commissioners agreed that the project was appropriate. The cement blocks had an appropriate surface color and texture and looked like natural stone. Neighbors Jenny and Noel Laguio (336 Central St) supported the



project. N. Grissom moved to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the project as submitted. P. Dudek seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

#### **RECORD OF ACTION:**

**DATE:** August 14, 2024

**SUBJECT:** 360 CENTRAL ST - Certificate of Appropriateness

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on August 13, 2024 the Auburndale Historic District Commission, by roll call vote of 4-0,

**RESOLVED** to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the project as submitted at 360 CENTRAL ST to remove the brick paver area that connects the driveway to the back entry porch, remove the first stair tread at the porch, and raise and level the area and put down Uniblock pavers.

Voting in the Affirmative:

Voting in the Negative:

Abstained:

Recused:

- Dante Capasso, Chair
- Paul Dudek, Member
- Nancy Grissom, Member
- Joel Shames, Member

R. Alfred joined the meeting.

### 360 Central Street - Working Session

David Levoy and Alex Aguillar requested feedback on a project to build a rear addition on the existing deck.

#### Materials Reviewed:

APPLICATION LINK: https://newtonma.viewpointcloud.com/records/835839

Pdf: Compiled 360 Central addition

Assessors database map

Plan

**Photos** 

Product and material information

MHC Form B

Commissioners agreed that the project would be appropriate if the design, materials, and details fit in with the existing house. The application for full review needed to include elevation drawings and product and material details. P. Dudek said that a portion of the project would be visible from Central Street. He asked that the applicants include information on how the crawl space would be screened. Tim LeBlanc noted that the new egress would require a larger landing.

#### Administrative discussion

Minutes: The June 2024 meeting minutes were approved.

Commission elections: D. Capasso said he would step down as chair but continue serving on the commission. R. Alfred was interested in the chair position. N. Grissom and P. Dudek said they were interested in continuing to serve as Vice Chair and Secretary, respectively. D. Capasso moved to approve the slate of R. Alfred for chair, N. Grissom for vice chair, and P. Dudek for secretary. J. Shames seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

# **RECORD OF ACTION:**



**DATE:** August 14, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Auburndale Historic District Commission Election

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on August 13, 2024, the Auburndale Historic District Commission, by vote of <u>5-0</u>,

**RESOLVED** to elect Richard Alfred as Chair, Nancy Grissom as Vice Chair and Paul Dudek as Secretary.

# Voting in the Affirmative:

Dante Capasso, Chair Richard Alfred, Member Paul Dudek, Member Nancy Grissom, Member Joel Shames, Member

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Recorded by Barbara Kurze, Senior Preservation Planner