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

DATE: April 21, 2020

PLACE/TIME: **Fully Remote** 

7:00 p.m.

ATTENDING: Italo Visco, Chair

> Melinda Broderick, Member **Dante Capasso, Member** Paul Dudek, Member Nancy Grissom, Member Barbara Kurze, Staff

**ABSENT:** David Kayserman, Member

> Richard Alfred, Alternate Martin Smargiassi, Alternate

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Italo Visco presiding as Chair. Voting permanent members were M. Broderick, D. Capasso, P. Dudek and N. Grissom. B. Kurze acted as recording secretary and the meeting was recorded on Zoom.

#### 315 Central Street – Certificate of Appropriateness (Violation)

Neritan Mustafa presented an application to amend the mitigation plan to screen the right-side vinyl fence section by draping a green tarp material over the fence instead of planting hemlocks in front of it. The application also included the option of planting fewer trees in front of the fence.

#### Materials Reviewed:

Photographs Previously approved mitigation plan Cost estimates for the tarp, 5 hemlocks and 9 hemlocks

Commission members agreed that the green tarp was not appropriate. Commission members agreed that smaller and fewer evergreens in front of the fence would be appropriate as they would spread out over time and effectively screen the fence. They also agreed that the plantings only needed to be in front of the shorter panels between the shed and the taller panels; the taller panels had some trees in front of them. The owner could submit an amended mitigation plan to Staff for final review and approval, and given the current COVID

emergency, the deadline for the planting would be the spring of 2021. N. Grissom moved to grant a Certificate of Hardship for an amended mitigation plan for fewer, smaller trees with conditions. D. Capasso seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

## **RECORD OF ACTION:**

**DATE:** April 22, 2020

**SUBJECT:** 315 Central Street - Certificate of Hardship (Violation)

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on April 21, 2020 the Auburndale Historic District Commission, by roll call vote of 5-0,

**RESOLVED** to **grant** a Certificate of Hardship for the amendment of the vinyl fence mitigation plan at <u>315 Central Street</u> to allow fewer and smaller evergreen plantings which will eventually grow in to screen the shorter vinyl fence sections on the right property line between the shed and the taller fence sections **with the following requirements: 1) the proposed plan be submitted to Staff for final review and approval; and 2) the approved plan will be implemented no later than the spring of 2021.** 

#### Voting in the Affirmative:

Italo Visco, Chair Melinda Broderick, Member Dante Capasso, Member

Paul Dudek, Member Nancy Grissom, Member

#### <u>338 Central Street – Certificate of Appropriateness</u>

Gil Mendes and Judson Thumm presented an application to replace existing windows, gutters and downspouts; to add new windows; to remove a rear door and window; and to install French doors on the rear addition.

#### **Materials Reviewed:**

Assessor's database map MHC Form B

**Project description** 

**Plans** 

**Photographs** 

**Product specifications** 

Commission members agreed that the project and materials were appropriate and that AZEK flat stock could be used for the fascia. D. Capasso moved to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application as submitted. P. Dudek seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

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

**DATE:** April 22, 2020

**SUBJECT:** 338 Central Street - Certificate of Appropriateness

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on April 21, 2020 the Auburndale Historic District Commission, by roll call vote of <u>5-0</u>,

**RESOLVED** to **grant** a Certificate of Appropriateness for the project as submitted at <u>338 Central Street</u> to replace the existing windows, gutters and downspouts; to add new windows; to remove a rear door and window; and to install French doors on the rear addition. The owners have the option to use paintable flat stock PVC composite for the fascia and other areas exposed to water.

#### Voting in the Affirmative:

Italo Visco, Chair Melinda Broderick, Member Dante Capasso, Member



Paul Dudek, Member Nancy Grissom, Member

#### <u>107-109 Grove Street – Certificate of Appropriateness</u>

Jay Walter and Jeff Yong presented an application to renovate the house, to demolish the secondary chimney and rear addition, to build a new rear addition, to reconfigure the driveway and to build a path connecting the driveway to the back of the house.

#### Materials Reviewed:

Assessor's database map

MHC Form B

**Project description** 

**Plans** 

Elevations

**Photographs** 

**Product specifications** 

Commission members agreed that the project design and materials were appropriate. N. Grissom moved to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application as submitted. P. Dudek seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

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

**DATE:** April 22, 2020

**SUBJECT:** 107-109 Grove Street - Certificate of Appropriateness

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on April 21, 2020 the Auburndale Historic District Commission, by roll call vote of 5-0,

**RESOLVED** to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the project as submitted at 107-109 Grove Street to renovate the house, to demolish the secondary chimney and rear addition, to build a new rear addition, to reconfigure the driveway and to build a path connecting the driveway to the back of the house.

#### Voting in the Affirmative:

Italo Visco, Chair Melinda Broderick, Member Dante Capasso, Member

Paul Dudek, Member Nancy Grissom, Member

### **Administrative discussion**

Minutes: The January and February meeting minutes were approved.

Raised garden beds: Commission members agreed that visible beds needed to be reviewed by the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Recorded by Barbara Kurze, Senior Preservation Planner