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

DATE: October 13, 2020

PLACE/TIME: **Fully Remote** 

7:00 p.m.

ATTENDING: Italo Visco, Chair

Melinda Broderick, Member

Paul Dudek, Member

David Kayserman, Member

Barbara Kurze, Staff

**ABSENT: Dante Capasso, Member** 

> Nancy Grissom, Member Martin Smargiassi, Alternate Richard Alfred, Alternate

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

## <u>115 Windermere Road – Certificate of Appropriateness</u>

Paul Klingaman presented an application to renovate the front entry porch, expand the entry porch roof, and replace the brick piers, railing system and lattice. The new entry roof, gutters and downspouts materials would match what is on the house and the decking would be mahogany.

# Materials Reviewed:

**Plans** 

Elevations

Views

**Photographs** 

Product and material information

MHC Form B

I. Visco commented that the design was appropriate, and it picked up design elements from the house. Removing the brick piers was also appropriate. D. Kayeserman moved to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application as presented. P. Dudek seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

# **RECORD OF ACTION:**

**DATE:** October 14, 2020

**SUBJECT:** 115 Windermere Road - Certificate of Appropriateness

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on October 13, 2020 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 <u>115 Windermere Road</u> to renovate and expand the front entry porch and to add a copper cap and trim to the triple window.

## Voting in the Affirmative:

Italo Visco, Chair Melinda Broderick, Member Paul Dudek, Member David Kayserman, Member

## 29 Fern Street - Working Session

The owner withdrew the application prior to the meeting.

## 305 Central Street - Certificate of Appropriateness

Becky Hsu presented an application to repave the existing driveway area in front of the garage and expand the paved area to run along the existing driveway to the back of the house. The paved area at the back would be approximately 45 feet by 45 feet. The owners wanted to increase the amount of off-street parking as they were concerned with the safety of parking on the street.

#### Materials Reviewed:

Site plan marked up to show paving plan Assessor's database map Photographs MHC Form B

Commission members were concerned with the amount of paving and asphalt material, and the lack of screening. They suggested that the owners consider grass pavers or other less obtrusive materials and investigate other configurations that did not present as a parking lot. Commission members said that they would not approve the project as submitted. The owners agreed in writing to continue the review to a future regularly scheduled meeting.

### 248 Grove Street – Certificate of Appropriateness (Violation)

Ewan Cameron presented an application for the two condensers that were installed on the left side of the house behind the left rear entry porch without Commission review and approval. The owners planted shrubs which were intended to grow in and screen the units.

#### Materials Reviewed:

Assessor's database map with sketch Product information Photographs MHC Form B I. Visco said that a picket fence would provide intermediate screening while the shrubs grew in. M. Broderick moved to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application as submitted with conditions. P. Dudek seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

## **RECORD OF ACTION:**

DATE: October 14, 2020

**SUBJECT:** 248 Grove Street - Certificate of Appropriateness (Violation)

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on October 13, 2020 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 248 Grove Street two condensers that were installed without approvals with the requirement that fencing will be added to provide intermediate screening will the plantings are growing in.

# Voting in the Affirmative:

Italo Visco, Chair Melinda Broderick, Member Paul Dudek, Member David Kayserman, Member

### 270 Central Street - Working Session

Tongyu Xie presented an application to enclose the front entry porch in double-layer clear glass and to put down waterproof plastic decking. The owners wanted to minimize traffic noise from the Massachusetts Turnpike.

#### Materials Reviewed:

Assessor's database map Project description **Drawings** Original plans As-built site plan

I. Visco and P. Dudek commented that the glass enclosure would be very noticeable and would not be appropriate as it was a very modern-looking treatment. The glass would not work to minimize noise; insulation in the front wall, glazing the windows or installing triple layer windows could help with the noise. A closed-in or three-season porch that fit in with the design of house could be a solution.

## **Administrative Discussion**

Minutes: The July and August meeting minutes were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Recorded by Barbara Kurze, Senior Preservation Planner