



Town of Danvers Preservation Commission

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Daniel Bennett, Select Board
Corinne Doherty, Zoning Board
Louis George, Planning Board
Dan Gagnon
Sandra Lane
Diane Amato

Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 9 @ 5:00 p.m. Danvers Town Hall Toomey Room 1 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA

The meeting convened at 5:00 PM with members Daniel Bennett, Louis George, Dan Gagnon, Diane Amato Sandra Lane and Corinne Doherty.

Staff members Aaron Henry and Shannon O'Leary attended the meeting.

1. Meeting Minute Approval

Sandra Lane motioned the January 12, 2023 meeting minutes be approved and was seconded by Louis George.

2. Discussion

13 Essex Street

Bill Nolan of Savoie Architects spoke on behalf on the applicant/property owner about the proposed demolition of the existing garage, and addition to the third floor.

Diane Amato asked the applicant if there are going to be stairs from the deck. Bill Nolan stated no and the building with have a sprinkler system.

Daniel Bennett read in the brief description provided by Mr. Trask. A copy of the description can be found at Town Hall located in the Inspectional Services Department at 1 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923.

Sandra Lane stated she wished the windows on the front of the home would remain the same. Mr. Nolan spoke on the changes noting changes to the window are for many reasons such as safety reasons, building code requirements and for room layouts.

Corinne Doherty asked the applicant how long will construction last, are you adding the same trim as what is on the property now and how old is the roof? Mr. Nolan replied they are hoping for 3-4 weeks on construction for the exterior of the property to make it weather tight. The roof was done in 2011 and stated the trim is not going to be the same.

Louis George asked the applicant about the planning board process and what materials he is using for the siding. Mr. Nolan stated they went to the planning board a few times and made changes such as having 5 units to now 3 units. Mr. Nolan noted they are using wood siding.

Mr. Bennett opened to public comment and turned back to board to discuss after no public comments.

Sandra Lane wished the windows could remain with the architectural features.

Dan Gagnon wished the windows could remain the same with the architectural features.

Diane Amato noted she echoed her fellow board members but stated safety is first.

Louis George stated he was happy with the siding choice and echoed board members with the windows.

Corinne Doherty would be in favor for what is being proposed and stated safety is first.

Daniel Bennett stated the garage is not historically significant, noted safety is first with the windows and dislikes the porches.

A motion to determine the garage is NOT historically significant was made Dan Gagnon and was seconded by Louis George.

A motion to determine the plans submitted for the window and roof is NOT historically significant was made by Dan Gagnon and was seconded by Diane Amato.

Daniel Bennett, Diane Amato, Dan Gagnon, and Corinne Doherty all in favor.

Sandra Lane and Louis George were not in favor.

The meeting adjourned 5:50 p.m.