



# Town of Danvers

## Historic District Commission

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### Historic District Commission Members:

Doug Desrocher  
Betsy Gadbois  
Dan Gagnon  
David Kayser  
Marcus Sidmore  
Richard B. Trask

## Meeting Minutes

### Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

### Peabody Institute Library, 15 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by acting chair Gagnon with members Trask, Desrocher, Gadbois, and Kayser present.

Aaron Henry and Shannon O'Leary provided staff support.

### New Business

Betsy Gadbois motioned to elect Dan Gagnon as Chairperson for the Historic District Commission and was seconded by Doug Desrocher. All members were in favor.

Richard Trask motioned to elect Betsy Gadbois as Vice Chairperson for the Historic District Commission and was seconded by Doug Desrocher. All members were in favor.

### Public Comment

Peter Townsend the homeowner of 171 Hobart Street spoke about the potential exterior alterations. Mr. Townsend will be in touch with the planning staff regarding submitting an application for exterior repairs and alterations to his home. Trask will send Mr. Townsend any historic photographs within the Archives.

### Old Business

#### **Application #23-1, 14 Centre Street (public hearing)**

Motioned to withdraw Application #23-1, 14 Centre Street without prejudice. The motion was seconded by Doug Desrocher. All members were in favor.

## Application #23-2, 40 Centre Street (public hearing)

Mrs. De Oliveria spoke about her property located at 40 Centre Street and the exterior alterations. Board members had requested the applicant to provide additional samples on materials they are looking to use. The homeowner presented physical samples of the windows, siding and roofing materials.

Mr. Trask provided a brief background and presented photographs to fellow board members and those in attendance. Copies of the photographs can be found in the Inspectional Services Department. An historic ca 1900 view of the house was given to the applicants.

Mr. Trask motioned to close the public hearing and was seconded by Betsy Gadbois. All members were in favor.

Mr. Trask motioned “To approve the application as presented with the following stipulations;

1. No portion of the exterior shall be torn down with the exception of the one-story ell between the house and barn, which was approved at a previously meeting.
2. The exterior wood siding and pattern shingles on house and barn are to be retained, restored, and renovated, with no change to the original design.
3. The cupola located on the barn must be retained.
4. The original barn loft door may be allowed to be replaced with faux loft door.
5. The original barn doors may be allowed to be replaced with faux barn doors.
6. The two original multi-colored windows on the east side of the house shall be retained, and may become faux windows.
7. A simple wood or metal railing may be installed on the front steps.
8. A plot plan showing the location of the new proposed driveway will be provided by the applicant.
9. Replacement windows will replicate the existing ones by finding Pella or similar windows and/or utilizing services such as the Window Woman for restoration.
10. Due to safety codes the second-floor front double window has to be changed. Applicant will attempt to keep an appropriate size and retain the muttons of divide.
11. All window trim must match existing trim.”

Motion was seconded by Gadbois, and approved unanimously.

The chimney approved by the commission from the November 25, 2019 meeting has not been removed and will be removed by the new homeowner.

### **Application #23-3, 105 Centre Street (public hearing)**

William Nolan of Savoie Nolan Architects spoke on behalf of his clients providing a detailed presentation on the exterior modifications along the left side and rear facing sides, an addition of a new deck to the rear of the home.

Betsy Gadbois motioned to close the public hearing and was seconded by Doug Desrocher. All members were in favor.

Doug Desrocher motioned to approve the application as submitted and was seconded by Betsy Gadbois. All members were in favor.

Trask gave the applicant a copy of a glass plate showing 105 Centre in about 1890.

### **Historic District by Law Changes**

The Commission discussed the proposed revisions requested by Mr. Trask. The commission members approved the changes and requested a few additional changes. The planning staff will send an updated copy of the changes.

### **Proposed Historic District**

The Commission discussed the Warrant Article establishing a historic district at 42 Summer Street slated for the 2023 Annual Town Meeting. The Commission conversed changing the date for the next schedule meeting due to needing to be present at the Annual Town Meeting. The planning staff will coordinate a new date.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Doug Desrocher motioned to accept the November 17, 2022 meeting minutes with changes from Richard Trask and was seconded by Betsy Gadbois. All in favor.

Betsy Gadbois motioned to accept the February 27, 2023 meeting minutes as presented and was seconded by Doug Desrocher. All in favor.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.