



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, April 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 7:01 PM by acting chair Gagnon with members Trask, Desrocher, Gadbois, and Kayser present.

Aaron Henry and Shannon O'Leary provided staff support.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

New Business

Application #23-04, 7 Meghan's Way (public hearing)

Mr. Trask opened the hearing with a reading of the purpose of the district and provided a brief history of the property. Mr. Gagnon offered the Applicant, a chance to explain the project.

Mr. Veatch homeowner of 7 Meghan's Way and Mr. Sweeney of Cazeault Solar & Home provided an in-depth presentation of the proposed work.

The board had no questions or comments for the applicant.

Betsy Gadbois motioned to close the public hearing and was seconded by Mr. Trask. 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.

Application #23-05, 170 Hobart Street (public hearing)

Mr. Gagnon read the summary of the application and offered the Applicant, a chance to explain the project.

Mr. Jason DeVincenzo spoke on behalf of his client's seeking approval for exterior modifications to the home's second floor.

Mr. Trask provided a brief background reading from the Salem Village Historic District of Danvers Guide stating the home was frame construction, two story, gable roof perpendicular to front, full shed dormers on both added ridge perpendicular to front. Ca. 1933 Kenneth A Gates, student.

Mr. & Mrs. Daniels spoke briefly about the home and is in support of their fellow neighbors.

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

Betsy Gadbois motioned "To approve the application as presented with the following stipulation;

- Add decorative corbels to the eaves. Mr. Desrocher will be the point person to approve the design and number of corbels to be used."

Motion was seconded by Doug Desrocher. Trask, Desrocher, Gadbois and Gagnon were in favor and Mr. Kayser opposed.

Application #23-06, 171 Hobart Street (public hearing)

Mr. Gagnon read the summary of the application and offered the Applicant, a chance to explain the project.

Mr. Trask provided a brief background reading from the Salem Village Historic District of Danvers Guide stating frame construction. Two story. Gambrel roof, Center chimney. Beverly projection on east side. One-story wing with chimney to rear. Front center entrance with sidelights. Corner boards. Moved to this site from the corner of Forest and Hobart Street ca 1840. First Period. Ca 1730

Mr. Townsend spoke in depth about exterior modifications.

Mr. & Mrs. Daniels spoke briefly about the home and is in support of their fellow neighbors.

Betsy Gadbois motioned to close the public hearing and was seconded by Mr. Trak. All members were in favor. Betsy Gadbois motioned "To approve the application as submitted to make exterior modifications with the exception of 2C listed on the application, as detailed below:

1. Re-roof entire existing structure with same or like materials.
 - A. Cedar shake shingle roof at gambrel roof
 - B. Rubber roof at rear dormer
 - C. Asphalt shingle at rear roof
2. Replace failed windows (see attached drawings)
 - A. Re-build 2 existing historic casement windows at dining room
 - B. Replace all vinyl windows with re-built casement windows to match dining room windows in entire "early" structure
3. Provide new wood clapboard siding to match existing; replace rotted sills, header and jamb material all to match historic profile and dimensions.
4. Replace 5 basement light with fixed frame or venting paintable, composite material widows in existing openings. Add window wells appropriate depth (approx. 18") with masonry or stone type retaining walls to create wells
5. Add appropriate chimney hood at old chimney
6. Provide painted wood basement access door
7. Remove existing roof at 1968 addition and existing dormer walls and roof, provide new dormer, new roof and 8' x 12' addition to rear per preliminary plans.
 - A. Applicant desires to address termite and water infiltration damage at the same time as exterior renovations. It is anticipated that a first-floor beam (part of 1845 addition) will be replaced and a second-floor beam will be raised and reset at a worn beam pocket. Some of the wonkiness of the house that translates to the exterior will be fixed through this effort

- B. Exterior dormer framing is largely rotted. Dormer is framed poorly and does not transfer loads to appropriate support locations. West side of dormer will be kept in same location and east side and rear(north) sides will be extended and located over load bearing walls. Dormer will connect to reroofed 1968 addition and 2 windows will be added per plans. This will largely eliminate dormer loads on the old original roof. All historic trims and features will be maintained on the structure's exterior, and the intent is to make the 1968 addition and dormer better for the future longevity of the house.
- C. Renovations and the small rear addition will allow the relocation of the kitchen from interior to the 1968 addition room that has more space than the present location. Dormer renovation will allow for a new 2nd floor bathroom that are coordinated with the structure and several cut beams will be repaired after piping is redone.
- D. Stamped drawings and construction set to be provided with building permit application.”

Doug Desrocher seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Mr. Trask spoke briefly about an email he had received from Chris & Melissa Forest of 15 Centre Street. Mr. Trask advised the homeowners to schedule an informal meeting with the board before filling an application with the commission.

Old Business

Proposed New Historic District

The HDC board members had attended the Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. The board discussed in depth the finance committee action. The commission stated they are *extremely* disappointed with the direction of board and felt a conversation was made prior to its meeting with not including them. Members of the Historic District Commission intend to send letters to the Finance Committee addressing their concerns.

Meeting Minutes

The Chair tabled the meeting minutes from the September 26th hearing until the next meeting.

Adjourn

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