



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, October 23, 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, Desrocher, Gadbois, and Kayser present.

Aaron Henry and Shannon O'Leary provided staff support.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

New Business

Application #23-07, 34 Centre Street (public hearing)

Mr. Gagnon opened the hearing with a reading of the purpose of the district. Mr. Gagnon offered the Applicant, a chance to explain the project.

Mr. & Mrs. Byrne homeowners of 34 Centre Street provided an in-depth presentation of the proposed window replacements.

Mr. Gagnon asked the applicant how many windows in total being replaced?

Mr. & Mrs. Byrne stated 19 total.

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

Informal Discussion

11 Centre Street - Mr. & Mrs. Forest gave a description of the proposed addition on what they are looking to do on the rear of their home. The board gave a few suggestions on what they would like to see when submitting a formal application. It was recommended that the homeowners come in for a consult with the Land Use and Community Service Department.

Old Business

Historic Study Committee Update

Mr. Gagnon provided an update on the Historic-Preservation AD HOC Study Committee. The commission is working diligently on proposed additions and recommendations to be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Gagnon spoke a little in depth regarding the changes to some bylaws and a few recommendations such as not having the homeowner bear the cost of the legal ad and to streamline a list of approved products to use such as windows, siding and fencing options. Planning Staff will email board members the proposed changes to the bylaws, etc. for review.

Meeting Minutes

David Kayser motioned to accept the September 26, 2022 and April 27, 2023 with no edits. The March 27, 2023 meeting minutes were approved with a minor change to Application #23-2 item number seven and was seconded by Doug Desrocher. All in favor.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.