



**Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 6:00pm
Narragansett Town Hall, Assembly Room**

Convene: Chairman Lescarbeau called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Roll Call: Keith Lescarbeau-Chairman, Karen Catuogno-Vice Chairman, Nanci Adams-Secretary, Richard Campbell, Danielle Fians, Francis Figueroa

Absent: Americo Mallozzi, John Tyburski-Alternate

Also Present: Michael DeLuca-Community Development Director, Heidi Petrone-Clerk

Administrative Matters: Discuss possible change to July meeting date – Not discussed

Consent Agenda

1C: **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** April 5, 2022, April 12, 2022

A **Motion** was made by K. Catuogno, seconded by R. Campbell, to **Approve** the April 5, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion **Passes** 5 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Aye**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, D. Fians-**Aye**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**)

A **Motion** was made by N. Adams, seconded by K. Catuogno, to **Approve** the April 12, 2022 meeting minutes. **Passes** 5 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Aye**, N. Adams-**Aye**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, D. Fians-**Aye**)

Public Hearing

2PH: 119 Boon Street / The Telephone Building: Installation of Pedestal w/ Plaque & Sculpture
Owner: Peck-Fainberg

Jennifer Peck-Fainberg, the property owner and applicant, presented her application to install a sculpture and plaque on a pedestal to highlight the history of the property and building. She explained that she consulted with different organizations, including the Narragansett Historical Society, on the design of the plaque and that her mother, Judith Peck, is the artist who is doing the sculpture. The pedestal will replicate the trim and color of the house and she wants it to appear as if it is supposed to be there.

Chairman Lescarbeau noted this could be potentially precedent setting and discussion ensued on the placement of the pedestal as depicted in the plans submitted. The overall consensus of the members was that this is a positive addition to the site. No one from the public spoke in favor or against the application.

A **Motion** was made by K. Catuogno, seconded by R. Campbell, to **Close** the public hearing. Motion **Passes** 6 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Aye**, N. Adams-**Aye**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, D. Fians-**Aye**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**)

A **Motion** was made by N. Adams, seconded by K. Catuogno, to **Approve** the application as submitted. Motion **Passes** 6 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Aye**, N. Adams-**Aye**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, D. Fians-**Aye**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**)

3PH: 12 Sea Gate Drive: Demolition and rebuild a new residence (non-contributing)
Owner: Mullaney

Chairman Lescarbeau explained to everyone that this application is for the demolition of the existing, non-contributing structure for the new construction of the proposed home so the guidelines are applied in a different way.

John Tumino of DiMauro Architects, the architect for the project, presented the application to demolish the existing structure and rebuild a new home. He explained that the gable roofs, as depicted in the plans submitted, will break up the massing of the structure. The proposed roof will be metal and the house will have a stone base. The proposed siding will be white cedar shingles, the windows will be 2 over 2 double hung, and the garage will have carriage style doors.

Discussion ensued with K. Catuogno stating that a metal roof in an historic district is not appropriate. Chairman Lescarbeau noted that what is being proposed in total is more in keeping with the district than the existing structure, but agreed the metal roof is not appropriate and that an asphalt or shingle roof would be appropriate.

The Commission also expressed concern of the appropriateness of using steel posts and cables for the balcony and porch railings. D. Fians showed images of the glass balusters she used on her home and suggested this as an alternative and Commission members were supportive of this idea.

M. DeLuca reviewed the project summary, noting that the orientation and size of the proposed house are appropriate and that Staff is generally supportive of the proposal as noted in the project summary dated May 4, 2022, noting his concern for the balcony and porch railings.

A **Motion** was made by F. Figueroa, seconded by R. Campbell, to **Close** the public hearing. Motion **Passes** 6 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Aye**, N. Adams-**Aye**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, D. Fians-**Aye**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**)

A **Motion** was made by R. Campbell, seconded by N. Adams, to **Approve** the application subject to conditions that the proposed roof be replaced with wood shingles or architectural asphalt shingles and the use of wooden posts with glass balusters for the balcony and porch railings. Motion **Passes** 6 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Aye**, N. Adams-**Aye**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, D. Fians-**Aye**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**)

Old Business

40B: 312 Ocean Road: Final Detail review of chimney brick

Owner: Wong

Doug Brownlow, the contractor for the property owner and applicant, presented the brick choice found to replace the existing bricks on the chimneys. He explained that the details at the top of the chimneys will be replicated when the bricks are replaced.

M. DeLuca explained that there is no staff report as this is a detail review and that the public hearing has already been closed. There were no questions or concerns from Commission members and no one from the public spoke in favor or against the proposal.

A **Motion** was made by N. Adams, seconded by K. Catuogno, to **Approve** the use of the proposed bricks as provided, noting the joint spacing, flashing, and style of mortar. Motion **Passes** 6 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Aye**, N. Adams-**Aye**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, D. Fians-**Aye**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**)

New Business

5NB: Text amendments to HD ordinance – discussion

Materials were not ready for the meeting. Discussion ensued on previous ideas and thoughts discussed for amendments. M. DeLuca stated this topic will be on a future agenda when materials are ready.

Items for Next Agenda: Nothing noted

Reports from Staff/Commission: Nothing noted

Adjournment:

A **Motion** was made by F. Figueroa, seconded by R. Campbell, to **Adjourn** the meeting at 7:34pm. Motion **Passes** 6 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Aye**, N. Adams-**Aye**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, D. Fians-**Aye**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**)

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Petrone
Clerk to the Commission