



**Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 6:00pm
Narragansett Town Hall**

Convene: Chairman Lescarbeau called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call: Keith Lescarbeau-Chairman, Karen Catuogno-Vice Chairman, Nanci Adams-Secretary, Richard Campbell, Francis Figueroa, John Tyburski-Alternate

Also Present: Michael DeLuca-Community Development Director

Administrative Matters: None

Consent Agenda

1C: **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** March 14, 2023

A **Motion** was made by K. Catuogno, seconded by N. Adams, to **Approve** the Consent Agenda. Motion **Passes** 6 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Aye**, N. Adams-**Aye**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**, J. Tyburski-**Aye**)

Public Hearing

2PH: 8 Fifth Avenue (continued): Remove & Replace Windows

Owner: Betsy & William Barber

M. DeLuca explained that the applicant requested a continuance due to a family issue.

A **Motion** was made by F. Figueroa, seconded by R. Campbell, to **Continue** the public hearing to an undetermined time. Motion **Passes** 6 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Aye**, N. Adams-**Aye**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**, J. Tyburski-**Aye**)

3PH: 12 Sea Gate Drive: 2022 Approval Amendment

Owner: Steve Mullaney

Chairman Lescarbeau stated this application is for an amendment to a prior approval. John Tumino, the architect for the project, stated that the applicant would like to amend the approved materials for the siding and roofing. The siding was approved using white cedar shingles and the applicant would like to use horizontal shiplap siding in an attempt to reduce the massing and scale of the house. The roof was approved using red cedar shingles and the applicant would like to use metal roofing on the accent roofs and the roof of the covered porch. The metal roof material will give the appearance of a copper patina roof with a greyish tone and not a shiny copper roof.

M. DeLuca reviewed the project summary noting that the proposed amendments would have minimal impact on the overall character of the house. He did point out staff concerns with using the proposed roof material on the porch as the porch is a major characteristic of the home. Chairman Lescarbeau stated that the construction of the house is not duplicating any original or existing construction, so the house falls into the category of a “non-contributing structure.” He noted that the style and design of the proposed amended split siding can be seen on many homes in the pier area and the proposed metal accent roofs are common due to the lower roof line that causes ice damming. There were no other questions or concerns from the Commission members. One member of the public spoke. Paul Hermenze stated he believes the design is like others in the area.

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

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

4PH: 73 Central Street “Tyn-Y-Coed”: Construct addition

Owner: Laurie Strauss

Scott Simpson, the contractor for the project, presented the application to expand the kitchen and garage. He stated that the minimal driveway and one car garage are not functional for the size of modern vehicles. He explained that how the kitchen is sited in the house, along with the sloping ceiling and sagging floor, also make the kitchen not very functional, noting the support beam in the center of the kitchen in the pictures submitted. As part of the application, photos were submitted of surrounding properties that depict similar bump outs as to what is being proposed. M. DeLuca reviewed the project staff report summarizing the Standards and Guidelines that the proposal complies with. The report reflects staff support for the proposal but does stipulate that more information about the doors and windows is needed. There were no concerns from the Commission and no one from the public spoke in favor of or against the proposal.

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

A **Motion** was made by R. Campbell, seconded by K. Catuogno, to **Approve** the application as submitted, contingent upon a final detail review for the windows and doors. Motion **Passes** 6 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Aye**, N. Adams-**Aye**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**, J. Tyburski-**Aye**)

5PH: 44 Robinson Street: Construct addition

Owner: Michael Melley

Philip Snyder, the contractor for the project, stated the applicant would like to extend the existing dormer 8 feet outward to gain additional headroom in the bathroom. He explained the lack of functionality in the bathroom, as depicted in the pictures submitted. K. Catuogno, and N. Adams, expressed difficulty with being able to visualize/conceptualize the proposal without having pictures of the entire house. M. DeLuca reviewed the project staff report noting support for the application as the dormer is towards the back of the house. Staff does suggest stipulating that the proposed windows for the dormer are similar to the other windows in the house.

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**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**, J. Tyburski-**Aye**)

A **Motion** was made by F. Figueroa, seconded by J. Tyburski, to **Approve** the application as submitted. Motion **Passes** 5 to 1 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Nay**, N. Adams-**Aye**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**, J. Tyburski-**Aye**)

Old Business

OB: None

New Business

NB: None

Items for Next Agenda: None

Reports from Staff/Commission: None

Adjournment:

A **Motion** was made by F. Figueroa, seconded by J. Tyburski, to **Adjourn** the meeting at 7:19pm. Motion **Passes** 6 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Aye**, N. Adams-**Aye**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**, J. Tyburski-**Aye**)

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Petrone
Clerk to the Commission