



Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 6:00pm
Narragansett Town Hall, Large Board Room

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Lescarbeau called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL Keith Lescarbeau-Chairman, Karen Catuogno-Vice Chairman, Richard Campbell, Fran Figueroa, John Tyburski

Absent with cause Nanci Adams-Secretary

Also present Jill Sabo-Acting Community Development Director, Ryan DiPanni-Planning Technician, Heidi Petrone-Clerk to the Commission

A. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS Nothing noted.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B.1 May 14, 2024

A **Motion** was made by K. Catuogno, seconded by R. Campbell, to **approve** the May 14, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion **Passes** 5 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-Aye, K. Catuogno-Aye, R. Campbell-Aye, F. Figueroa-Aye, J. Tyburski-Aye)

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

C.1 49 Robinson Street, Construct a 2-Story Addition, *Owner*: Campbell

Jim Campbell, the property owner and applicant, stated that the proposed addition is to the left of the main house and was the better option than redesigning the interior of the house. The front façade of the house will be Hardie plank clapboard, and the side will be cedar shingles.

R. DiPanni reviewed the staff report, noting overall support for the project. There is a question if the front awning windows should also have a divided lite pattern of 6 over 6 to match the rest of the windows. The materials for the proposed porch were not provided. He also noted that the house was built in 1997 and is not a contributing structure. Chairman Lescarbeau stated that because the house is not a contributing structure, the guidelines are not as stringent. J. Campbell stated that the balusters on the proposed porch will match the configuration on the other porch.

R. Campbell stated that he has no relation to the applicant and does not need to recuse from voting. There were no other questions or concerns from the Commission members and no one from the public spoke in favor of, or against, the proposal.

Motion was made by K. Catuogno, seconded by F. Figueroa, to **Close** the public hearing. Motion **Passes** 5 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-Aye, K. Catuogno-Aye, R. Campbell-Aye, F. Figueroa-Aye, J. Tyburski-Aye)

A **Motion** was made by F. Figueroa, seconded by K. Catuogno, to **Approve** the application as submitted. Motion **Passes** 5 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-Aye, K. Catuogno-Aye, R. Campbell-Aye, F. Figueroa-Aye, J. Tyburski-Aye)

C.2 19 Rockland Street, Construct additions, exterior repairs, replace windows and trim, *Owner*: Shea

Frank Karpowicz, the architect for the project, noted this proposal is similar to the proposal that was previously approved in 2023, explaining that the current proposal is smaller in scale and a reduced ridgeline. The siding will be horizontal wood clapboard, and the trim details will match the main part of the house. There are no original windows in the house, and all will be replaced with 4 over 1 windows. The proposed fence will be wood in the front of the house and a black chain link fence in the back of the house.

R. DiPanni reviewed the staff report dated June 6, 2024, and noted overall support for the proposal. There were staff questions regarding the proposed foundation and detail information for the front porch. F. Karpowicz stated the foundation will be poured concrete and the railings will be fiberglass with the balusters spaced 2” apart.

K. Catuogno expressed concern with the size and massing of the proposed addition and the uniformity between the main house and the addition. She stated the guidelines call for the addition to be distinguishable from the main house. Chairman Lescarbeau, along with the other Commission members, felt the step back of the addition is an acceptable feature to make the addition distinguishable from the main house.

Jim Campbell, a member of the public, expressed his support for the proposal.

Motion was made by R. Campbell, seconded by J. Tyburski, to **Close** the public hearing. Motion **Passes** 5 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Aye**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**, J. Tyburski-**Aye**)

A **Motion** was made by R. Campbell, seconded by F. Figueroa, to **Approve** the application as submitted. Motion **Passes** 4 to 0 to 1 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Abstained**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**, J. Tyburski-**Aye**)

D. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA Nothing noted.

E. REPORTS FROM STAFF/COMMISSION Nothing noted.

ADJOURNMENT

A **Motion** was made by K. Catuogno, seconded by J. Tyburski, to **Adjourn** the meeting at 7:20pm. Motion **Passes** 5 to 0 (K. Lescarbeau-**Aye**, K. Catuogno-**Aye**, R. Campbell-**Aye**, F. Figueroa-**Aye**, J. Tyburski-**Aye**)

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Petrone
Clerk to the Commission