

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 9, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, this meeting was held remotely. It took place on a Zoom meeting hosted by Selectboard chair Deb D'Amico. The call-in information was indicated in all meeting notices. The written material had been distributed by e-mail. All votes were taken by roll call.

Public hearing

Attendees, Peter Kraniak (chair), Andy West, Bob Casinghino, Matt Valliere, Pierre Humblet (secretary) Peter and Elizabeth Cassinari (applicant), Chas Chaloult (applicant)

Peter opened the meeting at 7:40 for application 2020-11-1, fencing of the backyard at 10 S. Royalston Rd to keep deaf dogs. Elizabeth explained the need, the scope and the design of the project. Andy stated that he is abutter and cannot vote on this matter, but that he supports the design. Peter and Bob asked a few questions about the design and were also supportive. Pierre motioned to close the public hearing. Andy seconded. All voted in favor.

At 7:44 Peter opened the meeting for applications 2020-11-{3 to 9} for renovations at 9 Frye Hill Rd. Charles Chaloult, the applicant, stated that Matt Fauteux, his representative at the November meeting, had updated him on what was said at that meeting. He could support the changes suggested by the commissioners, but installing wooden windows would be too expensive compared to vinyl, the material that is currently used.

A discussion about the style of the windows followed and he agreed to install Simulated Divided Lights (SDL). He then went over the many applications and answered questions. When it came to application 2020-11-7 to install two garage doors, he said that there was too little space on the east wall and that he was withdrawing the application. Pierre mentioned that he could consider placing doors on the north side.

Bob motioned to close the public hearing. Andy seconded, Peter closed it.

Regular meeting

Attendees: Peter Kraniak (chair), Andy West, Bob Casinghino, Matthew Valliere, Pierre Humblet (secretary). All were active voters.

Peter opened the meeting at 7:59 PM

Old applications

Application 2020-11-1 Application by Elizabeth Cassinari for a certificate of appropriateness to erect a fence in the rear of the house to keep deaf dogs. The commission generally felt that this would not damage the look of the historic district. Pierre thought that we should not encourage the use of tall fences and wondered if we should classify this case as a hardship application (deaf dogs) and place restrictions on it. This idea was not supported as it would be cumbersome to implement and as the fence is minimally visible. Pierre motioned to approve the application. Matt and Peter seconded simultaneously, all voted in favor except Andy who abstained as an abutter.

Application 2020-11-{3 to 7} for certificates of appropriateness at 9 Frye Hill Rd

Application #2020-11-7, garage doors: Bob made a motion to reject the application as the applicant does not wish to proceed with it, but cannot confirm that in writing. Andy seconded. All voted in favor.

Application #2020-11-04, living room windows: Bob motioned to approve the application. Matt seconded. All voted in favor.

Application #2020-11-03, windows on the main house: Andy made a motion to approve an amended version specifying that the windows on the main house would have SDL muntins instead of Grid Between Glass, amendment to be received by Dec 25, 2020. Bob seconded. All voted in favor.

Application #2020-11-05, kitchen window: Bob motioned to approve an amended version specifying the new window dimensions, amendment to be received by Dec 25, 2020. Andy seconded, all voted in favor.

Application #2020-11-06, breezeway windows: Bob motioned to approve an amended version specifying that the windows in the existing and in the new openings will be identical and in the same style as the proposed windows for the main house, amendment to be received by Dec 25, 2020. Pierre seconded. All voted in favor.

Application #2020-11-08, barn siding: Bob motioned to approve an amended application specifying that the existing asphalt siding will be removed from all the buildings and that the exterior walls will be covered by the existing white clapboards or by new wooden clapboards painted white, amendment to be received by Dec 25, 2020. Matt seconded. All voted in favor.

The commission discussed how to proceed if amendments were not received by the requested date. It was decided that in that case the chair would call a special meeting before the 60 day deadline to decide what actions should be taken.

Approval of the minutes

The members considered the minutes of November. Andy motioned to approve them as written. Matt seconded. All voted in favor, except Bob who abstained as he was not present.

Meeting adjourned

Matt motioned to close the meeting. Bob seconded. Peter closed the meeting at about 9:00 PM.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P.A. Humblet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "P.A." and the last name "Humblet" clearly distinguishable.

Pierre A. Humblet
RHDC Secretary