

The regular meeting scheduled for August 21 was cancelled due to lack of business. At that time Stephen Chase filed an application to erect a pool house in the back of 22 on the Common, Application 2014-08-1.

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 18th, 2014

Attendees: Peter Kraniak (Chair), Bob Casinghino, Clarence Rabideau, Pierre Humblet (Secretary), Rick Carrier. All were active voters.

Peter opened the meeting at 7:33 PM and immediately opened a public hearing on application 2014-08-1 by Stephen Chase to erect a pool house in the back of 22 on the Common.

Stephen was present. He described the project and answered a few questions. The pool house includes a center area with a counter and a side area which is screened. The size of the main lumbers is probably going to be 8"x8". This was not mentioned on the application because the structure will be almost invisible from the road. No member of the public was present but Pierre reported that positive comments had been received from Boyd Estus and Liane, who are abutters. Pierre moved to close the public hearing, Clarence seconded. Peter closed the public hearing and resumed the regular meeting.

Old application

Application 2014-08-1 by Stephen Chase to erect a pool house in the back of 22 on the Common. This was just discussed at the public hearing. The commission members felt that the design was entirely appropriate, it could have been built in the 19th century. Additionally the structure will barely be visible from a public way and has the support of neighbors. Thus Bob moved to approve the application. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor.

Minutes:

The members read the minutes of the July meeting. Clarence moved to accept them as read. Pierre seconded. All voted in favor except Bob who abstained as he was not present in July.

New application

Glenn Hastings has submitted a application for Certificate of appropriateness to increase the height of the chimney on the west ell at 8 S Royalston Rd to above the peak of the main roof. Glenn was not present. The members felt that the application was not complete as it did not specify the color and the shape of the extension. As the applicant wanted a quick response to proceed with the work before winter, the commission decided to add conditions to the application, namely a) that the bricks above the roofline must match each other in shape in color, and said color must be close to that of the existing bricks, and b) that the new chimney must have a lip similar to the existing one. Bob moved to accept for consideration the application, as amended with the two conditions. Rick seconded. All voted in favor except Pierre who abstained as abutter. Next, as the application is partially for safety reasons, winter is coming, and we could not guarantee to have a quorum in October, Bob motioned to accept the application as amended under the expedited procedure in section E.2.g.2 of the HDC rules and regulations. Peter seconded. All voted in favor except Pierre who abstained. Application 2014-09-1

Internal commission matters

Historic District Boundary. Pierre reported that the office of the AG had sent a copy of the HD map approved by the AG in 1980. It does not include the area to the west of the cemetery. As the map filed with the Registry of Deeds may be confusing, Pierre made a motion that he be allowed to write

a letter to the Planning Board proposing that the HDC and the Planning Board jointly create an accurate map (the PB may have a budget for that). Peter will review and sign the letter. Clarence seconded. All voted in favor.

Historic District Signs

The signs and posts are now in possession of the DPW. Peter will work with Keith Newton to install the signs before winter.

Common restoration Committee

Clarence mentioned that the benches will be mobile, thus not requiring HDC permission. Also work on the monument requires 6 successive warm days. Thus the work will probably not happen this year.

Letter of thanks to Celt

Peter will compose and send a letter thanking Celt for his long service to the HDC.

Meeting adjourned

Bob made a motion to close the meeting. Rick seconded. It was unanimously approved. Peter closed the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P.A. Humblet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Pierre A. Humblet,
Secretary