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MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS CHESTNUT HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

DATE: October 16, 2008

PLACE/TIME: City Hall, Room 202
7:30pm

ATTENDING: Liviu Brill, Vice-Chair
Joyce Dostale, Member
Merle Winer, Alternate
See Attendance List

William Roesner, Member
Lois McMullin, Member
Brian Lever, Staff

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with Liviu Brill presiding as acting Chair. Voting permanent members were Brill, Roesner, Dostale, and McMullin. Alternate member Winer also voted. The meeting was taped on 1 tape.

36 Woodman Road –Certificate of Appropriateness

Colin Roberts from Solarwrights and Tim Springer property owner presented a materials sample for the installation of solar water heater tubes. The glass vacuum tubes had a bluish exterior appearance and worked together via an antifreeze loop. The unit is one of a series of solar installations on the home with geothermal used for air conditioning and heat. Dostale inquired about the amount of reflection generated by the tubes? Roberts responded that it would not be much, about the equivalent of a window. Winer moved to approve the application as submitted and Dostale seconded.

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on October 16, 2008 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 5-0

RESOLVED to issue a certificate of appropriateness for the application as submitted for the installation of solar hot water heater tubes:

Voting in the Affirmative:

Liviu Brill, Vice-Chair
William Roesner, Member
Lois McMullin, Member
Joyce Dostale, Member
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26 Acacia Avenue – Certificate of Appropriateness

James Jumes applicant withdrew his application for the demolition of the shed on the property.

20 Chestnut Hill Road – Certificate of Appropriateness

Matthew O'Connell architect for the applicants Peter and Enid Levangie presented an application for adding a one-story rear addition to their home in order to expand the kitchen, family room, and add a mudroom. The one story addition would require the demolition of the rear entryway. The addition will have a clapboard exterior and dentil cornice to match the existing cornice on the home. An existing bricked in window was noted by staff. The applicants explained that it had been done by the previous owners. Winer stated that the addition would be an improvement to the home. Winer moved to approve the plans as submitted and Roesner seconded.

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on October 16, 2008 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 5-0

RESOLVED to issue a certificate of appropriateness for the application as submitted for the single story rear addition:

Voting in the Affirmative:

Liviu Brill, Vice-Chair
William Roesner, Member
Lois McMullin, Member
Joyce Dostale, Member
Merle Winer, Alternate

Other Business: approval of minutes and discussion.

James Jumes requested the commission's opinion on proposed changes to his previously approved design including a partial copper roof and a rear gabled dormer. The commission expressed concern over having the roof be partially copper and urged Jumes to use slate as previously approved. The commission also expressed interest in the rear dormer as being possibly approved due to its minimal visibility, but noted that such a change would require an application reviewed at a publicly noticed meeting.

The commission did not vote to approve the September minutes.

Staff discussed the upcoming meeting of the Community Preservation Committee and asked members to attend and provide potential preservation project ideas.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40. Minutes approved at the December 18, 2008 meeting.

Recorded by Brian Lever, Commission Staff