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

DATE: August 21, 2008

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

ATTENDING: **John Wyman, Chairman** **Liviu Brill, Member**
Joyce Dostale, Member **Lois McMullin, Member**
Donald Lang, Member **Merle Winer, Alternate**
Brian Lever, Staff **See Attendance List**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Voting permanent members were Wyman, Brill, Dostale, McMullin, and Lang. Alternate member Winer also voted. The meeting was taped on 2 tapes.

26 Acacia Avenue –Certificate of Appropriateness

James Jumes presented two sets of plans for the proposed additions to his home. Wyman suggested that Jumes present the design he thought was best first. This design involved a one and one-half story garage addition and 2-story rear ell. The new design had the rear shed dormer above the garage removed to reduce a feeling of massing according to Jumes. Commission members and staff stated that the design presented was much better than others that had come before the commission. Abutters were invited to speak and expressed concerns over the size of the addition.

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on August 21, 2008 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 5-1

RESOLVED to issue a certificate of appropriateness for the demolition of the garage and stairs and to approve the concept of the proposed additions based upon the plans as presented with a one and one-half story garage addition without rear shed dormer and 2-story rear ell. The commission requires detailed plans and materials information be submitted for final approval.

Voting in the Affirmative:
John Wyman, Chairman
Liviu Brill, Member
Lois McMullin, Member
Donald Lang, Member
Merle Winer, Alternate

Voting in the Negative:
Joyce Dostale, Member

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on August 21, 2008 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 6-0

RESOLVED to issue a certificate of non-applicability for the replacement of the front windows in kind with the requirement that detailed drawings and materials information be submitted for final approval.

Voting in the Affirmative:

John Wyman, Chairman
Livi Brill, Member
Lois McMullin, Member
Donald Lang, Member
Merle Winer, Alternate
Joyce Dostale, Member

36 Woodman Road– Certificate of Appropriateness

Alan Joslin architect for the applicant presented plans for the installation of solar thermal collectors on the home under construction. Joslin also presented photographs for a stone sample that will be used to cover the façade of the building. Brill asked if the commission had a policy regarding the installation of energy producing equipment such as solar collectors? Staff responded that no such policy existed. Commission members discussed the value of such equipment and the possibility of seeing more installations in the future. Wyman stated that more detailed plans of the collectors and their placement were needed in order to issue a certificate of appropriateness for the installation visible from Woodman Road.

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on August 21, 2008 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 4-1 with 1 abstaining.

RESOLVED to approve sample of stone to be used on the façade of the home.

Voting in the Affirmative:

John Wyman, Chairman
Livi Brill, Member
Lois McMullin, Member
Joyce Dostale, Member

Voting in the Negative:

Merle Winer, Alternate

Abstaining from Vote:

Donald Lang, Member

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on August 21, 2008 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 6-0,

RESOLVED to issue a certificate of non-applicability for the solar collectors located on the lower roof of the backside of the home. FURTHER RESOLVED that detailed plans are needed for the installation on the south façade visible from Woodman Road.

Voting in the Affirmative:

John Wyman, Chairman
Livi Brill, Member
Lois McMullin, Member
Merle Winer, Alternate
Donald Lang, Member
Joyce Dostale, Member

14 Meigh Road– Certificate of Appropriateness

Matt Bliss property owner presented a request to install 2-3 skylights on the roof of his home facing Meigh Road. Commission members expressed concern over allowing the installation of skylights. Bliss requested that if skylights on the front of the home were unacceptable that he be allowed to install them on the rear of the home. Staff stated that the rear of the home had undergone several additions and that it was only partially visible from Chestnut Hill Road. Commission member Lois McMullin recused herself from the meeting as she is an abutter to this property.

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on August 21, 2008 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 4-1,

RESOLVED to deny a certificate of appropriateness for the proposed installation of skylights on the roof of this home facing Meigh Road.

Voting in the Affirmative:

John Wyman, Chairman

Liviu Brill, Member

Donald Lang, Member

Joyce Dostale, Member

Voting in the Negative:

Merle Winer, Alternate

Recused from Vote:

Lois McMullin, Member

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on August 21, 2008 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 5-0,

RESOLVED to issue a certificate of appropriateness for the installation of 2 skylights on the rear main gable roof in a symmetrical fashion based upon the design of the skylights presented at the meeting.

Voting in the Affirmative:

John Wyman, Chairman

Liviu Brill, Member

Donald Lang, Member

Joyce Dostale, Member

Merle Winer, Alternate

Recused from Vote:

Lois McMullin, Member

Other Business: approval of minutes and elections.

Elections:

John Wyman was elected Chair for an additional year term 4-0, with Wyman abstaining.

Liviu Brill was elected Vice-Chair for an additional year term 4-0, with Brill abstaining.

The position of Secretary was left unfilled.

Minutes:

McMullin and Brill noted errors in the minutes requiring spelling changes.

The commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes from January through July with the noted corrections.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:16.

Recorded by Brian Lever, Commission Staff, minutes approved at September 18, 2008 meeting.