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

DATE: March 19, 2009

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

ATTENDING: John Wyman, Chair Liviu Brill, Vice-Chair
William Roesner, Member Robert Imperto, Member
Joyce Dostale, Member Lois McMullin, Member
Peter Vieira, Alternate Merle Winer, Alternate
Brian Lever, Staff See Attendance List

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

20 Chestnut Hill Terrace – Final Review of Plans

Architect Matthew O’Connell and property owner Pete Levangie presented proposed changes to a previously approved plan for a rear addition. The commission granted its previous approval at the October 08 meeting. The new design removed the small rear entryway and infilled the opening with a window and paneling. Wyman moved to issue a certificate of appropriateness and Roesner seconded.

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on March 19, 2009 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 7-0,

RESOLVED to issue a certificate of appropriateness for the application as submitted for the rear addition and replacement windows referenced as A4.2, March 4, 2009.

Voting in the Affirmative:

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

399 Hammond Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

Property owner Regina Pisa and architect Diana Bailey presented an application to relocate an existing asphalt driveway, install a new driveway entrance, and install a new bluestone walkway. The relocation would place the driveway at or very close to its original location. Wyman expressed support for the relocation, but asked whether another material had been explored? Pisa and Bailey replied that they had looked into other materials including crushed stone, but were concerned about their durability in New England climate. Pisa stated that she still was considering using another material. Wyman motioned to issue a certificate of appropriateness and Winer seconded.

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on March 19, 2009 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 7-0,

RESOLVED to issue a certificate of appropriateness for the application as submitted for the relocation of the asphalt driveway and installation of the bluestone walkway with the Commission's strong recommendation for the use of a natural material instead of asphalt.

Voting in the Affirmative:

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

428 Hammond Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

Elton Matos from the Chestnut Hill School presented an application to replace an existing asphalt shingle roof with architectural grade shingles, replace wooden gutters with copper gutters and aluminum downspouts with copper downspouts, and replace a rubber roof with a rubber roof. Commission members discussed the need to replace the wooden gutters. Matos stated that the existing gutters were not successfully handling the rainwater. Roesner suggested wooden copper lined gutters. Wyman stated that more information was required as to why new gutters were necessary and suggested supplying the Commission with calculations indicating whether or not new gutters were necessary. Dostale stated that the wooden gutters fit the historic section of the building and expressed support for keeping them. Wyman stated that the rubber roof as a replacement in kind was eligible for a certificate of non-applicability. Commission members noted that existing gutters on the building were aluminum and that it was unlikely that the Commission had approved them. Staff stated that the Commission can deny further certificates if an uncorrected violation on the property is found. Wyman asked if Matos would consent to continue the hearing on the roof shingles and gutters until the next meeting and Matos agreed. Wyman motioned to approve a certificate of non-applicability for the replacement of the rubber roof and Dostale seconded.

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on March 19, 2009 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 7-0,

RESOLVED to issue a certificate of non-applicability for the replacement of an existing rubber roof with a new rubber roof.

Voting in the Affirmative:

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

Other Business: Approval of Minutes.

The Commission approved the minutes from the February 09 meeting 6-0 with Winer abstaining from vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27. Minutes approved at the June 18, 2009 meeting.

Recorded by Brian Lever, Commission Staff