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

DATE: May 20, 2010

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

ATTENDING: John Wyman, Chair
Joyce Dostale, Member
Lois McMullin, Member
Peter Vieira, Alternate
See Attendance List

William Roesner, Member
Liviu Brill, Member
Merle Winer, Alternate
Brian Lever, Staff

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with John Wyman presiding as Chair. Voting permanent members were Wyman, Roesner, Dostale, Brill, and McMullin. Alternate members Winer and Vieira also voted. The meeting was digitally recorded.

150 Beacon Street – Certificate of Appropriateness

Rick Anderson presented an application to expand the driveway, add and replace walkways and stairs, replace the front stoop, and add a retaining wall. The proposed replacement steps and walkway would be brick, bluestone, and concrete. Anderson also stated that the grade of the new front walkway would be changed to correct drainage issues and that the retaining wall was requested to prevent erosion of the lawn onto the sidewalk. Brill stated that he was concerned about the lack of a railing on the front stoop. Anderson stated that they intended to put planters on either side of the stoop to prevent people from falling. Wyman expressed concern over the expansion of the driveway, as did other Commission members. Wyman suggested a small walkway adjacent to the driveway instead of the expansion proposed. Wyman moved to approve a certificate of appropriateness excluding changes to the driveway and Winer seconded.

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on May 20, 2010 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 7-0,

RESOLVED to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application as submitted excluding the proposed expansion to the driveway including the installation of the stone wall and paving stone along the driveway.

Voting in the Affirmative:

John Wyman, Chair	Peter Vieira, Alternate
William Roesner, Member	Liviu Brill, Member
Joyce Dostale, Member	Merle Winer, Alternate
Lois McMullin, Member	

399 Hammond Street– Certificate of Appropriateness

Commission member Joyce Dostale was recused as an abutter to this property. Property owner Regina Pisa and landscape architect Diana Bailey presented an application to remove a stockade fence on the front of the property and replace it with a stone wall. Bailey said that the wall would be Roxbury puddingstone, a native stone and found in the neighborhood. Winer stated that the removal of the fence was beneficial. Wyman motioned to approve a certificate of appropriateness and Winer seconded.

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on May 20, 2010 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 6-0, with 1 recusal

RESOLVED to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application as submitted for the installation of the stone wall and removal of the fence.

Voting in the Affirmative:

John Wyman, Chair
Peter Vieira, Alternate
William Roesner, Member
Liviu Brill, Member
Merle Winer, Alternate
Lois McMullin, Member

Recused from Vote:

Joyce Dostale, Member

33 Lawrence Road– Certificate of Appropriateness

Timothy Springer presented an application to install two fences and a gate. The proposed gate was an open slate wooden gate and the proposed fences were a cedar board fence four to six feet high and a vinyl chain link fence four feet high. Roesner and Wyman suggested alternate fencing material such as wrought iron. Wyman suggested a slope in the fence along the southern property line where the height changes. Winer moved to approve a certificate of appropriateness and Brill seconded.

At a scheduled meeting and public hearing on May 20, 2010 the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission, by vote of 5-2,

RESOLVED to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed fences and gates.

Voting in the Affirmative:

Joyce Dostale, Member
Liviu Brill, Member
Lois McMullin, Member
Peter Vieira, Alternate
Merle Winer, Alternate

Voting in the Negative:

John Wyman, Chair
William Roesner, Member

26 Acacia Avenue– Certificate of Appropriateness

No action was taken on this item.

Administrative Discussion:

The Commission took no action regarding the approval of minutes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Minutes approved at the June 17, 2010 meeting.