

Minutes of HDC  
November 8, 2005

Present: Pat Duquette, Bob Fein, Crystal Diamond, Eleanor Santos, John Robbins, Karen Lazeration, Ed Burt, Mark Sirulnik

Absent: Jewel Reed, Eileen LaCasse

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM

Application 2005.11.01

Jeff and Faith Wint of 960 Longmeadow St. applied to paint the brick foundation and the main chimney with a paint wash to match the siding. The foundation is currently painted a burgundy.

John reviewed the Design guidelines, specifically section 8 which refers to painting chimneys and brick work. Here the intent is to keep the masonry natural, and unpainted. Dr. Wint reported that the foundation was painted green when he bought the house and since that time he applied to the HDC and was granted permission to paint the foundation burgundy to match their burgundy door. The chimney, which had been painted white, matching the previously white house, was changed to 'sailcloth', which is an off-white, with a burgundy stripe around the top, to match the new sailcloth color of the house and burgundy door. Now the house is gray. The intent of his current application is to continue the practice of matching the foundation to the new color scheme of the house.

Because there was a sense that the objections were more strongly against the foundation, Dr. Wint removed the part of the application dealing with the foundation and amended the application to restrict the application to a request to change only the color of the chimney. The motion was made to approve the amended application.

The vote to approve the application was taken.

Pat Duquette no- The chimney, if painted should be a shade of white

Crystal Diamond no- same reasons

Eleanor Santos no-same reasons

Mark Sirulnik no- same reasons

John Robbins no- same reasons

Ed Burt no-same reasons

Robert Fein no

The application was denied.

It was suggested that he might reapply for a white chimney and a foundation that is closer to the 'Longmeadow redstone' or brick in color.

John introduced new member Crystal Diamond.

October minutes were approved as distributed.

Changes to Rules and Regulations:

VIII A

Insert 'typically' after 7:30 PM, change 'first' to read 'second'  
( change the Instructions and information accordingly in #1)

VII C Should read 15 days, not 14 days.

The instructions for the application certificate has been altered to comply with these changes and to include a space to indicate the board member assigned to the project.

Eleanor reported on the completion of the library project. The appropriate notification will be sent.

Procedure Bob recommended that we indicate that we want to speak, in a more formal manner than we have been, which is quite informal. It makes for a more efficient meeting.

Mark Sirulnik reported on his communication with the Department of Community Development. Robin is trying to be a clearing house for any HDC documents. Minutes should be sent to chairs of all the boards and commissions in the Department of Community Development. The administrative assistant to Mark Denver, Bev Rose, is available to receive, type and distribute any documents generated by the HDC. We should cc her Robin on any distribution lists. It is hoped that Bev will copy and distribute the application to board members before each meeting.

A file will be set up in the town hall prior to the next meeting that will contain all the minutes and correspondence related to them. There will also be the file with the documentation on the houses in the district.

John reminded us of the protocol of email as pertains to the open meeting law. We may share information, but not offer opinions.

Correspondence from Bay Path. John received a letter from Bay Path saying that they had met with Robin Crosbie and included a copy of the letter sent to all the neighbors. However, there was no reference to the letter that John had sent requesting a copy of the long range plan. Crystal, who is on the Bay Path board of trustees said that the long range plan is on hold.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Minutes by Eleanor Santos

