

Historic District Commission
August 8, 2006

Present:

Eleanor Santos, John Robbins, Mark Sirulnik, Ed Burt, Karen Lazeration

Public present:

Stacey Wikar

Dorothy Varon

Stephen Hoyt

Kathy Ford

Representative of A.W.Hastings

Chairman Robbins called the meeting to order at 8:45

Application 2006.08.01

Bay Path College

896 Longmeadow St.

BPC proposes to replace the existing windows on the first and second floors and aluminum storms at 896 Longmeadow St. with insulated double pane Marvin manufactured aluminum clad windows that will match the existing windows as closely as possible. The color will be stone white, the muntins non-removable.

Kathy Ford, architect, spoke to the poor state of repair that the windows are in, as well as the need to better insulate the house. These windows would preclude putting storms back on the house, which will improve the appearance of the house.

The representative from A.W.Hastings explained his product. The proposed window would preserve the trim on the outside. Color on these windows does not fade for 30 years. The muntins are simulated, but are adhered to the glass inside and out, and have a spacer installed between the glass to give the most realistic appearance possible.

John inquired what it would cost to either repair the current windows so that they are acceptable, or replace with a wooden window.

A wood insert would move the sash out by a full inch. To replace with wood windows would require considerable carpentry inside, compromising the existing woodwork, which is of a caliber worth saving. The current bay over the front door is at least 2' out of square, and would cause a problem if replacing with wood inserts, and it is doubtful that the current ones could be repaired to function properly.

The windows would have half window screens of charcoal gray fiberglass. The application was amended to include this.

Although fiberglass material makes for a more efficient window Marvin does not make one that has an authentic appearing muntin, hence the decision to go with the aluminum clad.

The square topped windows on the third floor would also be the Marvin aluminum clad. Only the rounded windows on the third floor would be wood, covered by a previous application.

The application was unanimously approved as amended.

Ed yes
Eleanor yes
Mark yes
John yes
Karen yes

Application 2006.08.01

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879 Longmeadow St.

Repaint the current red door with Rockwood Green to match the current color of the shutters.

The application was unanimously approved

Ed yes
Eleanor yes
Mark yes
John yes
Karen yes

The minutes from the June meeting were accepted as distributed.

The Wallace and Keitzman applicants have submitted their letters saying that they have completed their projects.

John reported on the balustrade on Community House

Robin Crosbie gave a tour to John and Eleanor with the purpose of showing how the entire building is in need of extensive repair. Her contention is that there is no money for repairing the building, and the balustrade is only one small aspect of the work that needs to be done. She intimated that it would be over a year before they have an assessment of all the buildings in town and then they would have to prioritize the projects and raise the funds, which will be substantial. John will send a letter instructing them that the town has a responsibility to replace the balustrade, and that this cannot be postponed.

We are now short five members on the board. Although we had three excellent candidates, all three declined at this time. It would be helpful if we could recruit some members on our own.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Minutes by Eleanor Santos