

Town of Ipswich Architectural Preservation District Commission
Regular Meeting
October 21, 2019
Mary Conley Room - Town Hall

Minutes

Members Present: Nancy Carlisle, Ruth Strachan, Peter Bubriski, John Fiske and Will Thompson

Alternate Members Present: Joe Bourneuf

Staff Present: Ethan Parsons

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

CITIZENS QUERIES: None.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING: Ms. Carlisle began by requesting a motion to adopt the previous meeting minutes. Ms. Strachan moved to accept the July 29, 2019 minutes and Mr. Bubriski seconded. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Documents: Draft minutes of July 29, 2019 meeting

24 SUMMER STREET: 24 Summer Street request for modifications of the approved plans for the previously issued Certificate to Alter.

REQUEST for acceptance of plan modifications for previously approved Certificate to Alter for alterations including the style, dimensions and number of windows to be installed on the west and south elevations of a new addition located in the Architectural Preservation District, pursuant to Section 8, Chapter XXII of the Ipswich General Bylaws.

Mr. Bourneuf began by expressing his opinion that the two windows installed on the west elevation are architecturally inappropriate. Bubriski agreed, adding that the number and dimensions of the windows also diverge from the approved plans. Ms. Strachan stated that the APDC would lose credibility should it approve such changes after the fact, and inquired to Mr. Parsons as to the role of the Building Inspector in this situation. Parsons replied that the Owners had under taken the changes on their own and that he had brought the changes to the Inspector's attention. A follow-up discussion with the Building Inspector would take place pending the results of this meeting. Carlisle commented that some compromise could potentially have been made on the north elevation had a conversation been had before the Owners went ahead with the window installations. Mr. Fiske commented that the requested modifications are architecturally indefensible and that he would not support their incorporation into the project. Mr. Thompson added that a third window yet to be installed on the south elevation above the mudroom door

would also vary from the approved plans. Mr. Parsons commented that it appeared the board had reached a unanimous consensus against the modifications.

MOTION TO REJECT MODIFICATIONS: Fiske moved to reject the unapproved modifications due to lack of historical authenticity, and Thompson seconded.

The vote was taken, and the motion passed, five in favor, zero against.

9 COUNTY STREET: Thompson requested discussion regarding the removal of two windows and the alteration of a third on the north elevation, which contradicts the building permit description of work speaking only to "repair siding" outside. He suggested that alterations met the criteria for recommended advisory review, particularly Section 7(b) for the "replacement of windows, doors, architectural trim, roofing and siding in a manner that substantially differs from existing materials, design or dimensions." Bourneuf inquired as to whether the project had gone before the Zoning Board. Parsons responded that it had, and that this project hadn't risen to the level of requiring APDC review. Carlisle commented on the placement of the new electrical panel adjacent to the street, and Thompson added that it appeared three units were under development considering the three new electrical meters.

ADJOURNMENT: Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting. Bubriski seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Minutes prepared by Will Thompson, Secretary

Minutes adopted: October 30, 2019