

## *Roxbury Historic District Commission*

16 December 2009

Present: C. Haver, J. Huber, G. Miller, R. Stevenson, W. Walker

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

The minutes of the 18 November meeting were accepted with clerical errors corrected.

W. Walker opened the public hearing. The first application was to change the light fixture on the Phineas Smith House barn. (G. Miller, adjacent neighbor, and C. Haver, applicant stepped down.) The change is from the existing dilapidated fixture to one with a dark brown finish similar in style. The application is exactly as presented at the pre-hearing.

The firehouse renovation application was continued. (J. Huber stepped down as an abutting neighbor.) The fire chief responded to the questions the HDC raised at the last meeting. Windows: wood with aluminum-clad exterior. The sample brought to the meeting has simulated divided lights with charcoal black screen with low E glass. The 3” casing and 1” sill as existing will be replaced in kind. Shutters: The sample is a wood composite rail with fiberglass louvers, a material new to the HDC. The hardware would be black. C. Haver noted that this combination is probably more stable than wood alone since it will not expand and contract as wood does. Trim: The fire department has the original blueprints to follow to replicate the trim. Light fixtures: Some fixtures will have to be replaced since the models existing are no longer available. Spec sheets were provided. G. Miler asked if the new lights will be brighter than the old. The fire chief was not sure.

W. Walker asked for further questions or comments. As there were none, the public hearing was closed.

The HDC discussed the applications. The Phineas Smith House application was reviewed. (G. Miller and C. Haver stepped down.) R. Stevenson made a motion to accept the application as submitted. J. Huber seconded. W. Walker called for a vote: Aye – Huber, Stevenson, Walker; Nay – none. The motion was passed unanimously.

The firehouse application was next. (J. Huber stepped down.) C. Haver noted that the windows were to be wood clad aluminum, SDL (simulated divided lights) with charcoal black screens as presented in the sample. A cut sheet should be submitted once the contractor has speced out the job. If there is any change, the HDC must be advised. The shutters, using the new materials, were acceptable on the non-conforming structure with traditional shutter hardware in black. As long as the original blueprints are followed, the HDC does not require documentation of existing trim. The HDC would like to make a

site visit for the lighting fixtures and will consider this section of the application at the January meeting.

G. Miller made a motion to accept the following: Windows: the windows as presented in the sample: wood clad aluminum, SDL with charcoal black screens sized and with the same number of lights as the existing windows. If there is any change, the HDC must be notified. Shutters: The shutters as presented in the sample are appropriate on this non-conforming structure attached and must be affixed with traditional black hardware. Trim: since the fire department has the original blueprints, these must be followed in reproducing the trim. Light fixture: this section will be tabled until the January meeting. R. Stevenson seconded. W. Walker called for a vote; Aye – Haver, Miller, Stevenson, Walker; Nay – none. The motion was passed unanimously.,

Barn book – J. Huber outlined to general design and content of the book. R. Stevenson will proof the survey forms. The next step is to apply for funding for design, editing and photography. Funding for the printing of the book at approximately \$20,000 must be found.

Vacancy - D. Sargeant will not be renewing her term. W. Walker asked for any suggestions for candidates outside the HD. She will contact Charles Raymond who has expressed interest in serving.

Market – No word as yet.

2010 meeting calendar - The HDC voted to continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month. See attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgette Miller

The next meeting of the HDC is:

Wednesday 20 January 7:30 pm Roxbury Town Hall

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The HDC meets at 7:30 pm in the downstairs meeting room of the Roxbury Town Hall on the third Wednesday of each month:

20 January

21 July

17 February

18 August

17 March

15 September

21 April

20 October

19 May

17 November

16 June

15 December