Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk’s office, the Town of Concord Historic Districts Commission held a virtual public meeting on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. using the Zoom meeting platform. Meeting ID: 848 4520 0171 Meeting Password: 357288

Commission Members Present: Nea Glenn, Peter Nobile, Melinda Shumway, Luis Berrizbeitia
Associate Members Present: Abigail Flanagan, Katharine Mast
Commission Members Absent: Dennis Fiori, Kate Chartner, Paul Ware,
Staff: Heather Gill, Senior Planner

Peter Nobile called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Voting Members for the meeting were Mr. Berrizbeitia, Ms. Glenn, Mr. Nobile, Ms. Shumway, and Ms. Mast.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

51 Walden Street – Main Street Historic District, to install ventilation, air conditioning and related equipment

The applicant requested a continuance to the next HDC meeting.

Ms. Glenn moved to continue the application to the meeting on August 5, 2021. Ms. Shumway seconded the motion and all others voted in favor. The motion passed (5-0) by a roll call vote.

155 Monument Street – North Bridge/Monument Square Historic District, to construct a new one-story detached garage structure with site improvements including paving and walkway

Chair Nobile reopened the hearing and thanked the applicant for the site visit that morning. Ms. Mast stated that the design was thoughtfully executed and in-keeping with the house. Ms. Glenn agreed and stated that the massing is good and the new driveway makes sense. Ms. Shumway stated that it will be very attractive when finished. Ms. Flanagan stated that she agrees and also pointed out that the driveway is a reduction in impervious surfaces.

Chair Nobile opened the hearing for public comment. Stewart Wilson of 30 Lang Street stated that he was initially concerned about the height of the first proposal, and is still somewhat concerned about the height of this structure for a single car garage. Mr. Wilson read a statement from Neela Srinath of 20 Lang Street which stated that she feels it is too high for a single story structure. Mr. Berrizbeitia stated that he agrees with his fellow Commissioners and has no objections. Mr. Nobile explained that the drawings often make the structures look taller than they do in real life.

Ms. Glenn moved to approve the application as submitted. Ms. Shumway seconded the motion and all others voted in favor. The motion passed (5-0) by a roll call vote.

Documents used during public hearing: Application, Elevations, Curved Driveway Plan, Project Narrative and Spec Sheets
NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

340 Main Street – Main Street Historic District, to repaint house, shed and fence

Chair Nobile opened the hearing and reviewed the application. Justin Mello from DSK Architects presented the proposed paint scheme and showed mock-ups to the Commission. The Commission all agreed that the paint color scheme was great.

Chair Nobile opened the hearing for public comment and there was none.

Ms. Glenn moved to approve the application as submitted. Mr. Berrizbeitia seconded the motion and all others voted in favor. The motion passed (5-0) by a roll call vote.

Documents used during public hearing: Application, Exterior Colors Mock Ups

OTHER BUSINESS

Minutes- Ms. Glenn stated that she submitted her drafts with minor amendments. Ms. Glenn moved to approve the minutes for June 17, 2021 as amended. Mr. Berrizbeitia seconded the motion and all others voted in favor. The motion passed (5-0) by a roll call vote.

Ms. Flanagan provided an update on the library project regarding the large heritage tree that was taken down. Ms. Flanagan explained that the tree sustained significant damage during last week’s storm and a large branch landed on the library. DPW was called to the scene, who called the town’s tree warden. The tree warden determined that the tree was a risk to life and public safety, so DPW took the tree down. Ms. Flanagan stated that she spoke with Jeff Adams, who stated that they will be submitting an amended landscaping plan with additional trees.

Linda Escobedo provided a brief update from the Select Board and stated that now is a good time for everyone to review the open meeting law.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

The next Historic District Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 5, 2021.

Documents used during the meeting are on file in the Planning Division Office.

Respectfully submitted by:
Heather Gill
Senior Planner

Minutes Approved on: 8/19/21

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Nea Glenn, Secretary