

**Meeting Minutes Historic District Commission**  
**Monday, July 26, 2021**  
7:00 pm Zoom Online Webinar

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Public Participation Information Below:

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MEMBERS present: Chairman John Lind, Vice Chairman Thomas Boyle, and Commissioners Susan Cartledge and Eric Berg

MEMBERS absent: Peter Clement

ALTERNATES present: Carol Snow

OTHERS PRESENT: Jay Kurup

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1. Call to Order: Chairman John Lind called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04pm.
  
2. **21-11. 85 Liberty Street.** Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior cedar siding painting, replace front entry door, install portico for front entry door. Also, replacing stone patio and balcony deck Committees.

Subject Notes:

Jay Kurup (owner of 85 Liberty Street) spoke about paint, replace aging front door due to weather/rain issues, add portico to protect front entrance from weather, replace leaking decking on balconies, re-lay patio stones, changing light fixtures & landscaping.

John Lind, advised no regulations around paint color. Stone patio is fine. No issue with updating the decking material.

Committee discussion around proposed front door, John Lind advised no other properties on this street have this door, nor does it look like a historic door. John Lind advise preference on similar style door to the existing door. New door does not have to be red, owner can choose any color. Committee advised we need more information on the proposed door in order to proceed. Request from Carol Snow to keep the arched window above the current door, Jay Kurup agreed.

Portico will need steps widened in order to accommodate columns. John Lind requested more information on the design of the portico, drawings, elevation information, material, dimensions, size & scale of portico and columns. Until this further information is provided cannot approve request. Owner stated he is open to not adding a portico, but would the Committee then approve a storm door to protect the front door from the weather. Committee advised storm door would not coincide with the time period. Committee advised they would need more information on both the portico or the storm door should owner choose to proceed. Requested fiber glass door rather than wood door to assist with weather. Committee would prefer a wood door because it fits better with the period of the house/area.

Jay Kurup's applicant date was July 15<sup>th</sup>. Committee advised that they can only make a decision in a public hearing forum and next meeting isn't until August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Chairman John Lind suggested Jay Kurup submit additional information and description of wooden door and portico and storm door before August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Owner advised he may not proceed with the portico and storm door as he needs to order as soon as possible and pricing continue to increase.

Landscaping request is just for plants, vegetation and mulch. No fencing or structures.

Lighting; wants to replace flood light posts that are not working and replace with energy efficient, motion sensor activated lights. Committee requesting more information regarding the lights owner is proposing. John Lind recommended adding lights to the additional door package proposal.

Summary of items:

Paint- no vote required

Patio- no vote required as basically relaying what was already existing.

Portico – will be deferred until owner comes back with additional information on proposal. Owner may withdrawal portico.

Door – will be deferred until owner comes back with additional information on proposal

Lighting – will be deferred until owner comes back with additional information on proposal

Landscaping – no vote required

Decking – vote required

**Chairman John Lind made a motion to approve the composite decking as presented in the proposal. No review required for the paint, patio, landscaping. Light fixtures, new front door and portico will be deferred until property owner comes back with additional information. It was seconded by Commissioner Eric Boyle and unanimously approved.**

3. **21-10.** 13 Harbor Avenue. Demolition Delay

Subject Notes:

House was built in 1919 on a .13 acre lot. Owners wanted to build a second floor and determined it was more cost effective to take it down than to try to accommodate the second floor. So it's already been to ZBA for variants to rebuild. Committee members agreed that the property does not look like a 1919 house as it has been resided with vinyl. Committee in agreement that no further discussion required for this home.

**Vice Chairman Tom Boyle made a motion to take no action on the demolition delay of 13 Harbor Avenue; it was seconded by Commissioner Carol Snow and unanimously approved.**

4. Review and approve minutes:

a. May 24, 2021

b. June 28, 2021 (Old Elm Street Historic Study)

Action: **Minutes' approval was differed until next meeting.**

5. Correspondence/ New Business.

Tom Boyle brought up vacancy on the Committee. Short discussion on recruiting member.

Tom Boyle reminded the Committee that regulations need to be updated and a change is needed for the farm at Barberry Hill.

6. Adjournment.

**Vice Chairman Tom Boyle made a motion to adjourn at 7:52pm: it was seconded by Eric Berg and unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Eckenroth