

**Subject to Approval**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting, Monday, Aug. 23, 2021  
7 p.m. at Madison Town Campus  
Meeting Room: Zoom Online Webinar**

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

MEMBERS absent: None.

ALTERNATES present: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: The meeting was available on and recorded through a Zoom online webinar.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman John Lind called the meeting to order at approximately 7:07 p.m.
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 boards.

Jay Kurup stated that he has the specifications for the door and the floodlights. Vice Chairman Thomas Boyle shared views of the exterior work, the door, and the floodlights. It is a mahogany door that looks the same as the other door, Mr. Kurup stated; by default it comes as mahogany and only requires clear coat. Both Chairman Lind and Commissioner Susan Cartledge stated that they like this door. Light fixtures will consist of LED exterior motion sensor lights; there will be two in front, two on the left side, and two on the right side. Mr. Kurup stated that the lights are pretty small, actually. Vice Chairman Thomas Boyle stated that he doesn't have a problem with these. Chairman Lind stated that they are in the shadows under the eaves; these will be more energy efficient, and he just cautioned against shining them in a neighbor's window. Mr. Kurup stated that they will be directed onto the driveway. Commissioners Cartledge and Eric Berg stated that they are fine, as long as they are discretely aimed. Chairman Lind stated that the door and light fixtures are the only items needing a vote.

**Commissioner Berg made the motion to approve the door and light fixtures, as presented; it was seconded by Commissioner Cartledge and unanimously approved.**

Vote to approve 85 Liberty Street door and lights passed, 4-0-0.

IN FAVOR: Chairman Lind, Vice Chairman Boyle, and Commissioners Cartledge and Berg.

OPPOSED: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

3. **21-10. 127 Island Avenue.** Demolition Delay.

Vice Chairman Boyle shared views of the house and property. The house was built in 1920; it has a 1,458 square foot footprint and is a 2,086 square foot overall house. They want to demolish it, Chairman Lind stated. It is the last house on Island Avenue, before you hit the curve,

Commissioner Cartledge stated. The lot size is a little less than 10,000 square feet, Vice Chairman Boyle stated. It's got a nice water view, Chairman Lind stated. It is a shame to demolish, according to Commissioner Cartledge. Chairman Lind stated that he hates to let it go; it appears to be in good shape, it is a good location, and it is the right scale for the property. Vice Chairman Boyle stated that the commission could give a demolition delay. Owners Jeffrey and Leslie Thornbury bought the house in 2004, according to Vice Chairman Boyle. If there were a delay on the demolition, the Historic District Commission could encourage the owners to reconsider; the house looks to be in good condition, it is appropriate for its site and for the history of the town, and demolishing it would be a shame, according to Chairman Lind. Vice Chairman Boyle stated that the commissioners could write the owners a letter, asking for their intentions for the site. Chairman Lind stated that he is kind of in favor of doing a delay. Commissioner Berg stated that he is ambivalent about doing a delay, when the property is not in the historic district. It is a 90-day delay, Chairman Lind stated. Commissioner Cartledge stated that she just sees the whole shoreline going. She stated that a couple of newly constructed house, one all white with black windows, look like haunted houses—like those dolls with the opening and closing eyes that lose the eyes, leaving the black holes in the sockets. Write the letter, Commissioner Cartledge stated.

**Chairman Lind made the motion that the Historic District Commission would write a letter expressing the views stated, including that the house appears to be in good condition, is appropriate for its site and neighborhood, fits in with the town's history, and the commission wants to encourage them to reconsider plans to demolish; it was seconded by Commissioner Cartledge and unanimously approved.**

Vote to write a letter about the demolition of 127 Island Ave. passed, 4-0-0.

IN FAVOR: Chairman Lind, Vice Chairman Boyle, and Commissioners Cartledge and Berg.

OPPOSED: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

4. **Review and approve minutes:** a. July 26, 2021. b. July 26, 2021 (Old Elm Street Historic Study). Minutes were not available; no action taken.

5. **Correspondence/New Business:** None.

6. **Adjournment:**

**Vice Chairman Boyle made the motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.; it was seconded by Commissioner Berg and unanimously approved.**

Vote to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. passed, 4-0-0.

IN FAVOR: Chairman Lind, Vice Chairman Boyle, and Commissioners Cartledge, and Berg.

OPPOSED: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlene H. Kennedy, clerk