

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

August 19, 2009

Grace Gouveia Building- Room 6

3:30 p.m.

Members Present: John Dowd, David McGlothlin, Carol Neal,
and Clo Tepper.

Members Absent: Polly Burnell, Nathan Butera and Marcene Marcoux

Staff: Russell Braun and Maxine Notaro

Work Session 3:30 p.m.

Administrative Amendments

•Joe Wheeler on behalf of Peter Fine, 14 Howland Street – replace clapboards, window trim and make detail change to door overhang

Joe said that the changes that were made had been approved previously. John D. and Marcene M. had gone to look at the project and Clo said that the HDC wasn't clear on what you were doing. The fellow who accompanied Joe explained the dormer on the shed. None of the members remember the original case. Clo wanted to go back and look at what was originally approved and he also asked why the dormer on the house is being changed? John Dowd said that the dormer has to match proportionately.

Carol Neal said that usually people bring in scale drawings and then we decide. Clo Tepper wants something sketched out and brought in to Maxine and said, "Just drop it off with Maxine and then she'll call one of the Commissioners and, after reviewing the sketch, we'll call you. "

•John Yandrisovitz, 5 Conant Street – Construct Pergola

Jack Y. said that he didn't know why he was there unless it was because he added to the existing pergola and deck. His contractor John Reis (Golden Hammer) said that the plan had been fully approved in February – yet when a member of the Assessor's Office reported to the Building Commissioner in early spring that a pergola had been constructed without benefit of a building permit, it was examined by the building department. The only outcome was that the lattice work at the corners of the pergola was approved. Nothing else required further approval.

•Richard Flores on behalf of Richard Golembeski & Peter Deveney, 7 Cottage Street – revised plans

According to Russell Braun, the Acting Building Commissioner, the rear dormer was scaled back and there are new plans showing the side elevation. Russell said the code issues are o.k.

Motion: Move to approve the new plan.

Motion was made, seconded, and approved by all.

•John Lisbon on behalf of Peter Petas, 463 Commercial Street – replace two entry way columns

John L. said that he had taken out two rotted columns. The project was approved.

•Matthew Cole on behalf of Joe Realmuto, 579 Commercial Street – replace deck to code

They need to take down the deck and replace it. The sea wall is to be removed and replaced – deck

replacement for plan as specified.

The plan was approved by all.

•Seamus Henche, 620 Commercial Street – replace existing shed with 11’ x 16’ artists studio

The Commission felt that this should have a full hearing. The applicants were told what they should have when they return for a hearing.

•616 Commercial Street – remove lattice deck and replace deck with railings and add egress stairs

The Commission determined that the proponents have to come in with a plan.

82 Commercial Street

The owner would like to add 3 gable vents. He already has one that faces Nickerson Street; this is the only attic ventilation and it is really hot. He would like to put in an 18 X 24” vent. The West End Racing Club has the exact same sized vent. The attic at 82 Commercial abuts the master bedroom and he’s trying to vent over 1,000 cu ft of space. John D. said that they need scale drawings in order to approve.

It was finally decided that the applicant would get a 15 x 20” vent, trim it up, and take pictures of it to show the HDC when he returns.

264 Bradford Street

The owners want to remove a picture window and replace it by adding one extra window. John Dowd said the plan is great and it was approved.

77A Commercial Street –

Ann Maguire wants to install casement windows where the screens are in her bumped-out porch.

Motion: Move to accept the proposal as presented.

Motion: John Dowd Seconded: Clo Tepper Vote: 4-0-0.

•Discussion on solar panels

Discussion was held over for another time.....

Minutes of previous meeting

It was decided that this subject would be visited at the next meeting.

Any other business that shall property come before the Board

The **Fine Arts Work Center** project is almost underway and there’s a house that is quite close. The FAWC wants to use a product that helps promote a fire retardant barrier. It’s called hardi plank and is minimally visible in this location.

143 Bradford Street

Russell said he had received complaints about an enclosed area made from a 6 ft high fence. It is in the area of the Health Food Market and Ruthies. Russell is bringing it up only because it wasn’t part of the original plan. Maxine said that this might be precedent setting. David McGlothlin said that it went up “within moments,” Monday it wasn’t there and on Tuesday it was fait accompli. Russ thinks

he will be speaking to them. John D. said also ask why they didn't build the bump-out in the original plan.

A disagreement is going on between the owners of **Dexter Inn** and a neighbor's hedge which is encroaching. The Dexter Inn owners have engaged Chris Snow to aid in their argument. This matter is not within the jurisdiction of the HDC.

Also there is a proposal to redesign and rebuild the Visitor's Center. This is a National Seashore Property and, as such, is also not under the HDC's jurisdiction.

