

**REGULAR MEETING
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
1 JUNKINS AVENUE
City Council Chambers**

7:00 p.m.

November 7, 2001

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the length of the Agenda, Public Hearings 1) through 10) will be heard on November 7, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.. Public Hearing 11) and the Work Sessions will be heard on the following Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 7:00 p.m..

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, John Rice; Vice-Chairman, David Adams; John Golumb; Ellen Fineberg; Paige Roberts; Joanne Grasso; and, alternates, Maija Hibbard and Richard Katz

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rick Becksted

ALSO PRESENT: Roger Clum, Assistant Building Inspector

I. OLD BUSINESS

A) Petition of Brad and Alyssa Duncan, owners, for property located at 36 Rogers Street for approval on the permanently affixed exterior grills on the doors and a plan showing the existing reveal of the siding and trim under the existing aluminum siding as stipulated by the Commission at their October 3, 2001 meeting. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 116 as Lot 046 and lies within the Mixed Residential Office and His

Mr. Duncan stated that he was presenting this information as stipulated by the Commission at the time of their approval for the Commission to review. The Commission all agreed and passed the plans unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1) Petition for Leah Caswell, owner, for property located at 37 South Street wherein permission is requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (french doors to be installed at rear of dwelling and demolition of second chimney located on the rear façade of dwelling) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 102 as Lot 052 and lies within the General Residence B and Historic A districts.

SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE PETITION

Ms. Caswell, the owner of the property, stated the french doors will be on the left side as you look at the back of the dwelling that will allow entrance into her bedroom from the roof.

Vice-Chairman Adams asked if the roof met the safety codes. Ms. Casewell replied that she had not advanced that far with her plans.

Ms. Fineberg stated she did not want to approve the doors without knowing about the proposed deck.

Vice-Chairman Adams made a motion to table the application to a time uncertain for a site walk/work session for further explanation on the deck and that the french doors be dropped from the application at this time. Mr. Golomb seconded and was approved unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

2) **Work Session/Public Hearing for Vincent Colella, owner, for property located at 22 Deer Street wherein permission is requested to allow demolition of existing building and permit a new four-story brick structure to be constructed as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 118 as Lot 013 and lies within the Central Business B and Historic A districts.**

SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE PETITION

Ms. DeStefano, the architect for the project presented two options for the proposed new building that will allow for retail space as well as office space. She stated that Mr. Colella would like to use option “A” rather than option “B” or “C”. The windows will be mullioned double hung as is used on 28 Deer Street and windows.

There was discussion between the Commission members and they seemed to prefer option “C”.

There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

Vice-Chairman Adams made a motion to approve the application using Option “C” and was approved unanimously with a 7 – 0 vote.

3) **Work Session/Public Hearing for Louis Clarizio, owner, for property located at 880 Middle Street wherein permission is requested to allow new construction to an existing structure (addition to rear of building) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is located on Assessor Plan 152 as Lot 048 and lies within the General Residence A and Historic A districts.**

SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE PETITION

Mr. Doug Cogger, the architect for the project, stated the proposed addition will be to the rear of the home and will not be visible from the street. The proposed plans are exactly the same as was presented at the work session. The new roof will match the existing roof and the windows will be custom made to match the existing wood windows

There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

Ms. Grasso made a motion to accept the application as presented; Mr. Golomb seconded. Ms. Grasso stated the addition will be hidden away from street; therefore, the request can be granted. Mr. Golomb stated he agreed.

Ms. Grasso asked if the brick on the new addition would match the existing building? Mr. Cogger replied that they have a proposed brick that is probably as close as you can get and will match.

The motion to grant passed with a 6 – 1 vote with Vice-Chairman Adams voting in the negative.

4) Petition for Exxon/Mobil Fuels Marketing, owner, for property located at 201 Islington Street wherein permission is requested to allow work otherwise authorized under Article X, Section 10-1011(4)(g) (installation of two internally illuminated signs on canopy over pump island) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is located on Assessor Plan 138 as Lot 033 and lies within the Central Business B and Historic A districts.

SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE PETITION

Mr. John Sitzler, the representative from Exxon/Mobil Fuels, stated the Mobil and Exxon have merged. We are proposing to have two sides of the canopy be illuminated. There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

5) Petition for John and Barbara Gregg, owners, for property located at 69 Hunking Street wherein permission is requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (remove existing side ell and replace with a 10' x 14' two story addition, add dormer to rear elevation and add two windows on left elevation) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 103 as Lot 040 and lies within the General Residence B and Historic A districts.

SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE PETITION

There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

6) Petition of Robert Scagliotti, owner, for property located at 46 Livermore Street wherein permission is requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (replace windows on first floor of carriage house with Pella Architect Series wood exterior

windows) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 109 as Lot 4 and lies within the General Residence B and Historic A districts.

SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE PETITION

There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

7) Petition of John and Sandra Dika, owners, for property located at 333 Marcy Street wherein permission is requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (remove a cinderblock chimney on garage) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 102 as Lot 013 and lies within the General Residence B and Historic A districts.

SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE PETITION

There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

8) Petition of Mark H. Wentworth Home, owner, for property located at 7 and 18 Melcher Street wherein permission is requested to allow work otherwise authorized under Article X, Section 10-1011(4)(g) (relocation of existing garden shed from 7 Melcher Street to 18 Melcher Street) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 109 as Lot 007 and 009 and lies within the General Residence B and Historic A districts.

9) Petition of Thomas Lowcock and Joann Lamoreaux, owners, for property located at 77 Wentworth Street wherein permission is requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (remove aluminum siding on East façade and replace with cedar clapboards and replace four (4) windows on East façade with Pella six over six Architect Series windows as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 109 as Lot 011 and lies within the General Residence B and Historic A districts.

SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE PETITION

There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

10) Petition of Peter Jarvis & Sons, owners, and George Russell, applicant, d/b/a Cool Jewels, for property located at 1 Congress Street wherein permission is requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (installation of a 48" x 36'

aluminum frame canvas wrap around awning) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 117 as Lot 014 and lies within the Central Business B and Historic A districts.

SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE PETITION

There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Commission acted unanimously to adjourn to the reconvened meeting on November 14, 2001 in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Long
Secretary

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