

ACTION SHEET FOR THE DECEMBER 1, 2004 HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

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

6:30 p.m.

December 1, 2004

PRESENT: Chairman, John Rice; Vice-Chairman, David Adams; Members, John Golumb, Ellen Fineberg, City Council Representative, Joanne Grasso; Alternates, Richard Katz and Sandra Dika

ALSO PRESENT: Roger Clum, Assistant Building Inspector

ABSENT: Rick Becksted and Planning Board Representative, Ken Smith

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Since both Ken Smith and Rick Becksted were excused, alternates Mr. Katz and Ms. Dika sat in.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A) Petition for Janet C. Marx, owner, for property located at 73 Gates Street wherein permission is requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (replace existing six over six wood sashes with new six over six Marvin units with wood interior and aluminum clad exterior and solid divider bar) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 103, Lot 092 and lies within the General Residence B and Historic A districts. This application was tabled at the November 3, 2004 to the December 1, 2004 meeting.

Ms. Grasso made a motion to take the application off the table; Mr. Adams seconded and was approved with a 7 – 0 vote.

The Commission approved the application as presented using the Marvin Tilt-pac window system.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1) Petition for Betty Morton Belcher, owner, and, Angela Bibeau, d/b/a Bliss, Inc., applicant, for property located at 85 Market Street wherein permission is requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (erect three roll-up awnings with valances on property located at the corner of Market and Bow Streets (as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 106 as Lot 043 and lies within the Central Business B and Historic A districts.

The Commission approved the application as presented.

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2) Petition for Barbara Theodore, owner, and Olde Port Properties, applicant, for property located at 121 Bow Street, Unit #C wherein permission is requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (erect three fixed awnings on the Bow Street façade) as per

plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 105 as Lot 059 and lies within the Central Business A and the Historic A districts.

At the request of the owner, the Commission approved the request to table the application to the January 5, 2005 meeting.

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3) Petition for Joseph A. Capobianco, owner, and Anne Whitney, Architect, for property located at 199 Gates Street wherein permission is requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (replace existing wood front entry steps with granite steps in the same footprint) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 103 as Lot 007 and lies within the General Residence B and Historic A districts.

The Commission approved the application as presented.

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4) Petition for Whalesback Light, owner and DeStefano Architects, applicant, for property located at 96 State Street, wherein permission is requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (add a spiral staircase from the 3rd floor to the 2nd story roof to be used as a fire escape) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 107 as Lot 052 and lies within the Central Business B and Historic A districts.

The Commission approved the application as presented.

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5) Petition for Irene Levy, owner and John O'Malley, applicant, for property located at 136 State Street wherein permission is requested to remove existing fence of carport and replace with a new wood fence as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 107 as Lot 059 and lies within the Central Business B and Historic A districts.

The Commission approved the application as presented.

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III. WORK SESSION

A) Work Session requested by Gary and Nancy Gainsburg, owners, for property located at 89 Newcastle Avenue. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 101 as Lot 051 and is located in the General Residence B and Historic A districts. (Demolish existing garage and porch and construct a two-story garage and country porch on existing footprint).

- **Mr. Gainsburg, the owner of the property, presented photographs as well as proposed plans of the property;**
- **Chairman Rice inquired about the garage door;**
- **Mr. Gainsburg stated the garage doors will be wood;**
- **Vice-Chairman Adams inquired about the proposed dormers;**
- **The dormers will be wood and the windows will match existing windows;**
- **Mr. Gainsburg replied the rear will have a full dormer;**
- **Chairman Rice asked about the skylights in the rear;**

- Mr. Gainsburg stated there will be a total of three skylights on the rear façade;
- Chairman Rice stated that skylights are an issue with the HDC and that three skylights would be excessive;
- Chairman Rice stated the drawings are not adequate or accurate;
- Mr. Gainsburg replied that he agreed the plans were not accurate but he did want to have a discussion with the Commission of his plans and he would have accurate drawings for the next work session;
- Chairman Rice suggested a site walk prior to the next meeting and have everything down on a set of plans that we can review at the site;
- Vice-Chairman Adams stated the house looks as if there were many additions and ells to it and without accurate plans in front of us, it is hard to envision;
- Mr. Gainsburg stated the existing house has vinyl siding; however, the new addition will have clapboards and next year we are planning to remove the vinyl siding on the original house and clapboard the structure;
Mr. Katz stated the existing house has wood trim. Mr. Gainsburg replied that was correct;
- Vice-Chairman Adams stated he also felt that three skylights was excessive on the rear facade;
- Ms. Fineberg suggested to the applicant to bring cut sheets of the windows and garage doors or any kind of columns that the building supply store will supply you with.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the meeting of 11-03-04 and approved with a 7 – 0 vote.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. to meet at the next scheduled meeting on January 5, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Long
Secretary

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