

ACTION SHEET

**MEETING OF THE
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
1 JUNKINS AVENUE**

EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

7:00 p.m.

December 2, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Sandra Dika; Vice-Chairman Richard Katz; Members; John Wyckoff, Tracy Kozak; Planning Board Representative Paige Roberts; Alternate George Melchior

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Elena Maltese; City Council Representative Eric Spear; Alternate Joseph Almeida

ALSO PRESENT: Roger Clum, Assistant Building Inspector

Chairman Dika called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of minutes – October 14, 2009

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **(Rehearing) Petition of Robert A. Ricci Revocable Trust and Elizabeth Batick-Ricci Revocable Trust, owners,** for property located at **31 Richards Avenue**, wherein permission was requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (construct new railing system) and to allow a new free standing structure (remove fencing, install new fencing) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 128 as Lot 2 and lies within the General Residence A and Historic A Districts.

After due deliberation, the Commission voted to rescind the Certificate of Appropriateness and issue a Notice of Disapproval.

2. **(Rehearing) Petition of Middle Union Condominium Association, owner, and Alexandra Gamble, applicant,** for property located at **496 Middle Street**, wherein permission was requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (replace clapboards with composite material) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on

Assessor Plan 135 as Lot 21 and lies within the Mixed Residential Office and Historic A Districts.

After due deliberation, the Commission voted to approve the request as presented with the following stipulations:

- 1) That the Artisan Lap series of hardiplank is used.**
- 2) That the siding will be face nailed.**

3. **(Rehearing) Petition of Richard K. Horowitz and Catherine J. Baker, owners,** for property located at **127 Gates Street**, wherein permission is requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (replace with aluminum gutters and downspouts, replace with aluminum gutters and downspouts, replace with aluminum gutters and downspouts) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 103 as Lot 97 and lies within the General Residence B and Historic A Districts.

The applicant chose to move forward with the request. After due deliberation, the Commission voted that Certificate of Appropriateness be amended to reflect the following stipulations:

- 1) That all of the wooden gutters will be retained.**
- 2) That a second wooden downspout will be added to the front gutter, matching the the existing wood downspouts.**
- 3) That the rear and side wooden downspouts will be replaced with 3” circular, non-corrugated copper downspouts.**

4. **Petition of Fifty-Five Congress Street Condominium Association, owner, and Metro PCS Massachusetts, LLC, and New England Wireless Solutions, LLC, applicants,** for property located at 55 Congress Street, wherein permission was requested to allow new construction to an existing structure (install six panel antennas and screened wall) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 117 as Lot 9 and lies within the Central Business B, Historic A, and Downtown Overlay Districts.

After due deliberation, the Commission voted to deny the request citing Section 10-1004 B.1. and the following reasons:

- 1) The Commission felt the height of the screening wall and associated equipment was too tall for the area.**
- 2) The Commission also thought the location was inappropriate because of its current over utilization.**

5. **Petition of Elizabeth and Harold Cummings, owners,** for property located at **39 New Castle Avenue**, wherein permission was requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (repairs to existing porch) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 101 as Lot 36 and lies within the General Residence B and Historic A Districts.

After due deliberation, the Commission voted that the request be approved as presented.

6. Petition of **City of Portsmouth, owner, and Star Island Corporation, applicant**, for property located at **30 Middle Street**, wherein permission was requested to allow exterior renovations to an existing structure (repairs to existing porch) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 126 as Lot 21 and lies within the Central Business B and Historic A Districts.

After due deliberation, the Commission voted that the request be approved as presented.

7. Petition of **Unitarian Universalist Church, owner**, for property located at **292 State Street**, wherein permission was requested to allow removal of a free standing structure (remove one section of fencing and one granite post to allow for parking space) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 116 as Lot 8 and lies within the Central Business B, Historic A, and Downtown Overlay Districts.

After due deliberation, the Commission voted that the application be postponed to the December 9, 2009 meeting so that additional information can be submitted and reviewed.

8. Petition of **RRJ Properties Limited Partnership, owner**, for property located at **99 Bow Street**, wherein permission was requested to allow demolition of an existing structure (demolish north and south brick walls) and allow new construction to an existing structure (rebuild north and south brick walls) as per plans on file in the Planning Department. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 106 as Lot 54 and lies within the Central Business A, Historic A, and Downtown Overlay Districts.

After due deliberation, the Commission voted that the request be approved as presented.

III. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 p.m., it was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Good
HDC Recording Secretary