



CITY OF WATERTOWN
Historical Commission
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Elise Loukas, Chairperson
Thomas Melone, Member
Susan Steele, Member
Marilynne K., Member
Joseph Panto, Member
Matthew Walter, Member
Richard Glenn, Member

Minutes: Thursday, March 10, 2022, Remote meeting 7:00 p.m.

Historical Commission Members Present: Elise Loukas, Joe Panto, Chair, Susan Steele, Richard Glenn

Member(s) Absent: Thomas Melone, Marilynne Roach, Matthew Walter,

Public Present: Darrell Sanders, Scott Miller, John Berglund, Michael Albano.

Staff Present: Larry Field, Senior Planner

1. Review- Minutes from January 13, 2022.

The minutes from the January 13, 2021, meeting were reviewed and no members had questions or changes to propose. No motion was made because only three members present attended the January 13 meeting.

2. Public Hearing—44 York Ave- to review the demolition application for a 1 family house and accessory structure built in the 1950's. Scott Miller/Applicant, A& Q Acquisition/Owner.

Darrell Sanders, representing the owner, said the neighborhood started with 2-family buildings in the 1930's, with 1-family homes added in the 1950's. The building at issue was a standard Cape-style home from that era. (Later in the meeting, review of the building card indicated the building permit was from 1954.) Sanders said there is nothing significant in the building's architecture or history. The owner would like to build a 2-family structure in its place. The garage was built partly on an adjoining lot (presently there is an easement) so demolishing that structure would restore setbacks that conform with zoning requirements.

Public Comments

None.

Commission Comments

Members Steele, Panto and Glenn briefly discussed the application and agreed the buildings have no particular historical significance and the proposed 2-family would fit the neighborhood.

Motion: Panto made a motion that the structures at 44 York Ave be found not preferably preserved. Glenn seconded the motion.

Poll: A poll was taken, and all members agreed with the motion.

3. **Public Hearing- 101 Marshall St.-** to review the demolition application for a garage. Mike Vining, Applicant/John Berglund, Owner.

John Berglund said he wishes to demolish the existing 2-car garage to build an addition/garage attached to the house.

Public Comments

None

Commission Comments

Members Steele, Glenn and Panto briefly discussed the application and agreed that they had no concerns about demolishing the garage.

Motion: Panto made a motion that the garage at 101 Marshall St. be found not preferably preserved. Steele seconded the motion.

Poll: A poll was taken, and all members present agreed with the motion.

4. Review-Discussion

A. Demolition Delay Ordinance Review and Recommendations for updates

Members agreed to table discussion on the Demolition Delay Ordinance.

5. Updates

A. Community Preservation Committee Updates by Matthew Walter

Since Walter was absent, there was no update.

B. Updates on the Campus Wide Lighting and Signage Proposal—Letter from Massachusetts Historical Commission

Loukas noted that the Commission received a copy of a February 7, 2022 letter from the Massachusetts Historical Commission approving proposed changes in the Campus Wide Lighting and Signage plan for Arsenal on the Charles. She asked staff to provide a further update on this proposal.

Larry Field reported that the Planning Board considered and approved the amended master plan for lighting and signage on March 9, 2022. He said this was an update of the existing plan and incorporated changes in ownership (from Athenahealth to Alexandria Real Estate), two new buildings, site improvements and increased emphasis on wayfinding. The changes will be made over the next two years as the campus renovation proceeds.

Steele asked if the signage styles could be characterized as traditional and Field said yes. Members asked for an abbreviated view of the proposal and Field shared the slide deck presented to the Planning Board on March 9. Field said he would send the slide deck to members.

Motion: Steele made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. Panto seconded the motion.

Poll: Members were polled, and all agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM.