

GLOUCESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

November 27, 2012
Conference Room, City Hall

Members Present: D. Porper, P. Shea, N. Goodick, S. Miller, C. Nazarian

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 o'clock PM by Chairman Porper

First item on the agenda was a petition from Trinity Congregational Church, Cape Ann Thrift Shop, regarding 70 Middle Street, to remove an existing brown roof and replace it with architectural shingles in a dark, slate gray color.

Jan Bell represented the petitioner. She explained that 30 years ago the brown roof was installed on the building but no one was pleased with the color because it does not match the roofs of the adjacent church or older homes. The brown roof is now worn and ready for replacement with roof shingles that are a better match to the neighborhood.

After some general discussion about the color and varying definitions of what makes an "architectural" shingle. Jan offered to retrieve the sample from her car and the discussion was suspended.

The second item was a return to the decision made at the October 23rd meeting involving a clarification requested by the petitioner, Jerrold Oppenheim, regarding 57 Middle Street. He was uncertain if the HDC decision required him to purchase granite from Swenson, since the type of stone was described as Swenson granite. After a discussion about the Commission's intent it was agreed that the source of the stone was important.

P. Shea made a motion that the new stone match in color and texture as much as possible the characteristics of two existing granite posts, deleting any reference to Swenson.

S. Miller seconded the motion. It was passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Porper agreed to inform the petitioner and assure him that he could purchase the stone wherever he likes.

Return to the first agenda item was made when Jan Bell returned with the shingle sample. After a brief examination there was agreement that it was of suitable color and cut to match other roofs in the neighborhood.

P. Shea made a motion to issue the Certificate of Appropriateness for proposed modifications to 70 Middle Street, replacing an existing brown roof with a new roof consisting of architectural, dark slate gray shingles as shown in the sample.

S. Miller seconded the motion. It was passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 o'clock PM by Chairman Porper.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Nazarian
Secretary