

CITY OF GLOUCESTER

Historic District Commission

Minutes, Meeting of July 14, 2015

Members present: D. Porper, P. Shea, S. Miller, N. Goodick, C. Nazarian, S. Goodick, R. Chandler, J. Mulcahy.

Members absent: None. Others present: Jan Bell, Debbie Paul, Roy McCauley all representing Cape Ann Thrift Shop

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, D. Porper.

There was one item on the agenda, a request for Certificate of Appropriateness by the Cape Ann Thrift Shop located at 70 Middle St. The group was represented by Janis Bell.

Ms. Bell noted that the harsh winter had not been kind to the building and much work to the exterior needed to be done, notably the siding (clapboards on front and shingles on sides and rear), gutters, trim around windows, side steps into shop.

After some discussion about the options available for either total replacement or selective replacement/repair and the materials available, the following was presented for approval:

1. On the front elevation facing Middle Street, the clapboards will be replaced as needed with wood clapboards. The importance of matching the tight 4 inch coursing was noted.
2. The gutter on the front elevation will be replaced with wood. S. Goodick noted that the fascia board will undoubtedly need to be replaced. The commission has no objection to using composite materials for this. The rear gutter may be replaced with either wood or aluminum. The downspouts in front will be of rounded metal in either copper or galvanized metal. The rear downspouts may be of aluminum.
3. The wood trim around the windows will be replaced as needed and Azek or other composite materials may be used. R. Chandler noted the importance of maintaining the same profile of the moldings. The portico will also be repaired as necessary and composite materials may be used as long as an authentic appearance is maintained.
4. The wood shingles on the rear and sides of the building will be replaced as needed using red or white cedar shingles to match.
5. The steps leading into the thrift shop door will be repaired as necessary and composite materials may be used.

MOTION: It was moved (P. Shea) and seconded (R. Chandler) that the Cape Ann Thrift Shop at 70 Middle Street be granted a Certificate of Appropriateness for the above proposed work, Nos. 1 - 5. There was no further discussion and the proposal was unanimously approved.

Ms. Bell thanked the commission for its assistance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

R. David Porper
Secretary Pro Tem