

GLOUCESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
11 August 2015
Conference Room, City Hall

Member	Attendance
Nancy Goodick	Present
David Porper	Present
Charles Nazarian	Present
Stephen Goodick	Present
Jessica Mulcahy	Present
Paul Shea	Present
Robert Chandler	Absent
Steve Miller	Absent

Meeting called to order by Chairman Porper: 7:05 PM

Meeting ended by Chairman Porper: 8:02 PM

First Order of Business: 61 Middle St, Pike-Newhall Funeral Home

Presenter: Mr. Thomas Newhall

Presentation and discussion regarding their application for putting in a deck in back with railing and three lengths of white fence. The deck will serve as a smoking area for funeral attendees and the fence brings the funeral home into compliance with state law to conceal bodies coming in and out of the funeral home from the street. Applicant presented photos of proposed building materials and layout of deck and fencing. The Committee noted that construction on the deck had already begun. Mr. Newhall explained that he was made aware of being in the historic district and was now before the Committee. Two abutters, Theo MacGregor and Jerrold Oppenheim (57 Middle St, Gloucester), came to support the application. After a brief question and answer session, Paul Shea moved to approve, Nancy Goodick seconded. The Committee voted and unanimously approved:

- A Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a 11ft x 38in deck built of composite materials. Grey flooring and white plastic railing at legal height as described in the application. The deck is not connected to the building.
- A Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of three lengths of the white plastic fence, 6ft in height totally 18ft in length.

Paul Shea noted that there was no need for the Certificate of Hardship filed by the applicant.

Second Order of Business: 48 Pleasant St., Gloucester, MA

Presenter: Andy Stevens, General Contractor working for Foghorn Properties

Presentation and discussion of proposed windows at 48 Pleasant St. Their intention had been to preserve the windows, but upon investigation, they all need replacement. This will ensure that new condo owners will not incur new expenses for the windows upon purchase. Mr. Stevens, with a full model of the window in hand, shared his proposal for replacing all of the windows with the Marvin Clad Ultimate Double Hung windows. He will use the dark bronze finish and the screens will match that finish. Casing material will likely be mahogany and will be custom milled to maintain the same design. In the two bay windows, the windows will be inserts. Other windows on the flat surface will be all new

windows. He will also replace the arch windows on the third floor but will stay with the square window shape that is currently there.

After discussion, Paul Shea moved to approve and Stephen Goodick seconded. The Committee voted unanimously to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace existing windows with the Marvin Clad Ultimate Double Hung windows with the dark bronze finish.

Third Order of Business: Presentation—Potential Collaboration on Certified Local Government application

Presenter: Mary Ellen Lepionka, Co-Chairperson of the Historical Commission

The Certified Local Government (CLG) is a federal program run through the National Park Service. Through this program, local cities and towns have preferred status for federal funding related to historic preservation. The Committee discussed several aspects of this opportunity including the Committee's history with the CLG, concerns about additional work load, the potential for expanded education and appreciation for historic preservation in Gloucester, and what it would require to apply to become a CLG. The Committee asked for additional time to discuss and will address the topic at its next meeting after further investigation and thought.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Mulcahy, Clerk