

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING**

The Historic District Commission held a Special Meeting at 5:00 pm in Meeting Room A (2nd floor Town Hall) & via Zoom

Present: Barbara Theurkauf, Chairperson; Geoffrey Dellenbaugh (via Zoom), Secretary; Commissioners John Langmaid, Brian Chiffer, and Robyn Guimont; Shelley Caltagirone Director of Planning and Land Use Services; Gary Haynes, Town Planner

Excused: Vice Chair Henry von Wodtke and David Grady

Chairman Theurkauf called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Application of Wayne & Patricia Brubaker for Certificate of Appropriateness – generator installation – 2195 Main Street

Mr. Brubaker described the need for a 24k watt generator powered by a buried propane tank to be located on the south side of house. The generator is 2-feet, 4-inches high. The applicant will screen with shrubbery and a small wrought iron fence so that the proposed generator will not be visible from the road. The Commission and applicant discussed the need for placement in the south side location because of structures at the rear of the house and the utility location on right side of house.

Commissioner Guimont MOVED to close the public hearing; Commissioner Langmaid SECONDED. MOTION was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Chiffer MOVED to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of the generator as presented by the applicant; Commissioner Guimont SECONDED. MOTION passed unanimously.

2. Application of Gary & Jenny Bergeron for Certificate of Appropriateness – front door & porch railing replacements – 2095 Main Street

Mr. Bergeron explained the history of the property and their clean-up efforts. The applicant has redone the interior of the home. The applicant presented photos of the old gothic porch railings that were rotting and photos of the recently installed leaded glass oval glass doorway they installed to replace the previous rotting wood door. The applicant proposes to duplicate the original under porch “wooden skirt”. The applicant proposes using the existing “wooden skirt” as a template to cut out replacement pieces for the new wooden skirt. Chairman Theurkauf does not think the replacement door is appropriate to the period but understands why they needed a replacement because of rot. The Commission discussed the porch railing replacement and they agreed that the proposed porch railing is appropriate for the style of the home. The Commission

and applicant discussed alternatives to the already installed front door, including replacing the glass, painting the door to make it more visually subtle, or keeping the door as installed.

Commissioner Langmaid MOVED to close the public hearing; Commissioner Guimont SECONDED. MOTION was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Langmaid MOVED to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for replacement of the front and porch railings as presented by the applicant; Chairman Theurkauf SECONDED. MOTION passed; votes in favor 3 (Chiffer, Guimont, Dellenbaugh); votes against 2 (Theurkauf and Langmaid).

REGULAR MEETING

1. Acceptance of Minutes – March 1, 2023 Special Meeting

Commissioner Langmaid MOVED to accept the minutes as presented. Commission Chiffer SECONDED the motion. MOTION passed unanimously.


2. Other Business

Nothing presented.

Commissioner Langmaid MOVED to adjourn; Commissioner Chiffer SECONDED. MOTION was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Haynes
Planner