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Minutes

Meeting Date: August 20, 2002

Members Present: Dan Barton, Richard Chilcoat, Sanford Johnson, Pat Hardy (9:15p)

Meeting opened: 7:39 pm

1. Lawrence Academy: new building-Ed Cormier, Architect, Steve Mullaney, Ross Associates, Jack Tata, Mullaney Corp, Larry Leizure, Lawrence Academy present. Steve M. presented the project in detail. The HDC questioned why the dormitory was wood clad rather than masonry. The board further discussed academic building details such as: an oculus window at the quad. Entry pediment, floor to floor heights and fenestration. Generally the HDC felt that the project was appropriate, but further details and a site visit will be required. The applicant would like a certificate for phase I and II. GHDC would like a site visit: Fri 9/6 @ 8:30A. Application is complete, would like elevations.

2. 187 Main St: John Madigan, application complete-do a (10 day) notice of waiver of public hearing. Motion to issue Certificate (pending notice) by R. Chilcoat, seconded by S. Johnson. Vote: unanimous. Note: gable dormers to replicate those at the historic cape across the street (see application/certificate on file).

4. 127 Main St: Cumberland's Plaza-sign permit application(s) con't-Janine Doucette. Previously addressed: Annie's Bookstop, Kleenit, Barbershop. Reviewed and motion to accept, as presented, by P. Hardy: Cumberland's: dark blue, gold lettering, no tree, no swashes; seconded by S. Johnson. Groton House of Pizza: muted gray, green lettering, picture on left with some color; seconded by R. Chilcoat. Dunkin's: 10', gold lettering, no highlight, small-dark field, cup white with pink & orange; seconded by R. Chilcoat. Vote: unanimous. LIGHTING: Janine will research various lighting fixtures.

Note: the Sign Committee is thinking of proposing some lighting standards, GHDC would like to be involved, D. Barton will contact the Sign Committee.

6. (b) 20 Pleasant St: Nordo Nissi present with application for "apartment" portion of renovation only. Need new drawing for front; can act on windows & clapboard (phase I) pending a (10 day) notice of waiver of public hearing. Motion to issue Certificate (pending notice) for left rear apartment (clapboard-smooth to match existing main house, Brosco windows-true divided light, wood Shuttercraft louvered, operational shutters-sized appropriately for window openings & painted to match existing) by R. Chilcoat; seconded by S. Johnson. Vote: unanimous. Place rest of project on September agenda.

(c) 127 Main St: Cumberland's Plaza-Janine Doucette present. D. Barton met at the site with building owner and contractor to discuss: 30" knee walls below storefront windows, beadboard ceilings with soffits, downspouts/gutters and lighting. The HDC agreed that the kneewall height was acceptable and should be clad in trimmed MDO panels. Divisions between the panels needs to align with the storefront window divisions. The board further agreed that soffits will break-up the mass of the beaddoard ceiling and that strip fluorescent lights should be avoided. D. Barton to contact the applicant. Lighting: Janine researching. Drainage: talk to Planning Board.

3. 243 Main St: Robertson application-Glen Rogers, contractor. Prepare a (10 day) waiver of notice of public hearing. Motion by S. Johnson to approve application (pending notice). Construct as presented, no cornice or roof overhang, maintain the door appearance (overhead operation OK), maintain same scale, rear extension of 2 ½ -3' allowed, seconded by R. Chilcoat. Vote: unanimous.

Other Business:

30 Hollis St: KC's Hair-sign permit application. Motion by R. Chilcoat to approve the existing signs (front & rear) but not for the "new/additional" sign, seconded by P. Hardy. Vote: unanimous.

99 Pleasant St: Public Safety building application,R. Chilcoat motioned to hold pending site visit and discussion of different approach to fix leakage problem than what was outlined on application, seconded by S. Johnson. Vote: unanimous. D. Barton to contact J. Estabrook, Maintenance Dept.

75 Hollis St: Legion Hall application, motion to approve as submitted by S. Johnson (waiver of notice of public hearing not necessary), seconded by P. Hardy. Vote: unanimous

6. (d) 108 Pleasant St: The Elms-15 to 20" of each driveway has been paved. S. Johnson will telephone Dr. Bryan to inquire & ask for an application.

6. (a) 112 Farmers Row: Berube residence, Mr. Berube contacted D. Barton to ask about a gable end cornice detail due to roof being out of square, cornice= OK, waterboard capping = OK, would like to side the front to appear as 1 piece rather than to have appear as house with addition = NO, maintain vertical trim at former location of addition. D. Barton to contact Mr. Berube with answers.

Farmers Row: Groton School-modular classroom-D. Barton will call Bob Collins.

99 Main St: Public Library-inquire with the Building Commissioner about the proposed gate from an egress point of view. HDC questioned the purpose and placement of the gate and would like further opportunity to discuss the proposed work with Owen Shuman, Library representative.

Motion to adjourn: R. Chilcoat, seconded by S. Johnson. Vote: unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Martin, Secretary