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AGENDA

Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

1st Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall 7:00 PM

Identify members present. Dan Barton, Richard Chilcoat, Maureen Giattino, Pat Hardy, Sanford Johnson, Gina Perini

7:01P *Open meeting; discuss need to schedule meetings for: 11/1 @ 8P, 11/8 @ 8P, and 11/29 @ 7:30P*

7:00P: 14 Old Ayer Road: **PUBLIC HEARING continuation**-Lawrence Academy, application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for two single story, Cape style, faculty residences of 1,444 sf., each residence including two parking spaces. **Open public hearing at 7:01P.** *As discussed at previous meetings, adjusted plan shows one single story home (with cupola) & 2 parking spaces to the rear. Members comment that this is a great improvement with much less visibility from Main St. Abutter, Nancy van Nest states that she is fully opposed to the project, no one else would be allowed to place a SFD on the 1 acre lot squeezed in in this manner, the single story cape is completely out of character with the neighborhood & that her property is deeply impacted. Abutter, Halsey Platt is concerned that the structure is not appropriate; he feels that it should look like an ancillary building as was first suggested. Abutter Carol Swift feels the structure is not appropriate for the area. Abutter Weinberg says the architect has done a good job of scaling back but the overall appearance is too new & the tree loss is too great; the loss of trees increases the traffic noise. Carrie Williams feels the building could blend better with the historic nature of the neighborhood. Peter Myette (LA) comments that only a few trees are actually coming down & that many building change requests have been accommodated. DB comments that this is approx.LA's 8th visit to the HDC re: this project; that there is a mix of home styles in the neighborhood; & that maintaining the tree coverage is very helpful. RC & MG do not feel that the application is in-appropriate, GP appreciates LA's goodwill efforts to soften the impact of the project for the neighbor by making the driveway more S-curved & planting more evergreens/screening. It is noted that the plan does show playing fields 'conceptually', but they would be 5-10 years into the future & the access would be from Main St. PH-motion to close the hearing, RC-2nd; vote- unanimous. DB requests that the plan be adjusted for review on 11/15/11: slight adjustment to the driveway & move house location slightly. 14 Old Ayer Rd & modification to Academy Dr set for 11/15/11 at 7:30 P.*

7:30P 172 Main Street: Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness Boutwell House rehabilitation project. *Informally reviewed 10/18/11; PH motion to accept as presented, GP – 2nd; vote – unanimous.*

Other Business: Minutes

Adjourned: 8:10P