

BILLERICA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES RECEIVED
April 3, 2024

A meeting of the Billerica Historic District Commission was held on Wednesday April 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in room 210 in the Town Hall. This meeting is recorded.

Present: David Gagliardi, Chairman; Travis Brown, Vice Chairman; Mary McBride, Secretary; Richard Hawes, Member; Michael Rea, Member; Mary Jones, Alt Member; Dan Valentine, Alt Member; Katherine Malgieri, Planning Board; and Joyce MacMillan, Recording Clerk

Absent: John McKenna, Member; George Simolaris, Member; Matthew Ahern, Alt Member; Kathy Meagher, Alt Member; and Tina Pesiridis, Alt Member

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dave Gagliardi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Katherine Malgieri gave information regarding the Town of Billerica Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee 2024 tree seedling give away in honor of Arbor Day and Earth Day. They are giving four types of tree seedlings away: the Tulip Poplar, an Eastern Redbud, a Lilac Shrub and a Douglas Fir.

Mary Jones joined the meeting at 7:04pm.

APPLICATIONS:

12 Old Elm St - Siding – App #2024-08 (m) – Paul Vaughn, Homeowner

Mr. Vaughn came before the commission last year regarding siding and said he wished he had gone with the vinyl shakes instead of the cedar shakes. He is asking if he can change to the vinyl shakes.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. Same color as what is on the house? That color was discontinued was a Powder Stone Clay, but he found a Natural clay that looks great, a very close match.

Dan Valentine, seconded by Michael Rea, moves to approve Application # 2024-08 (m) to use vinyl shakes.

It was voted:

7 – In favor
0 – Opposed

**466 Boston Road – Air Conditioning – App# 2024-05(m) – Christine Kilburn
Representing St. Matthew Parish – St. Theresa Church**

Ms. Kilburn presented a PowerPoint presentation to the commission along with all their supporting detailed documents. This presentation was given to them prior to the meeting. They would like to add air conditioning to the building. It would be a split mini

duct air conditioning system. The slim duct work will be either along the bottom of the building, along the top of the eaves, and down the sides near down spouts all painted the same color to blend into the building. The heat pumps would be on the back roof at the back of the building and not seen from Boston Road.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. Why paint the same color as the down spouts instead of the color of the brick? It is being down the dark brown to match the spouts and the trim to look like trim work. On page 41, 49, and 51 of the presentation, can the ducts be run tucked up under the eaves instead of at the base of the building? We can ask the contractor; they have been easy to work with and they would do that. However, they may not be able to do with all.

Mary McBride, seconded by Travis Brown, moves to approve Application # 2024-05 (m) with duct work going from the ground up to the eaves where they are visible from the street.

It was voted:

7 – In favor
0 – Opposed

**45 Talbot Ave – Air Conditioning – App# 2024-06(m) – Christine Kilburn
Representing St. Andrew Church**

Same as the previous application, the presentation was given to the commission prior to the meeting, and it is for the addition of air conditioning. This system is a one-unit heat pump. The slim duct work will be along the bottom of the building all painted the same color to blend into the building. The heat pump would be at the rear of the building behind the sanctuary and the branch box to connect all units will be in the basement.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. Can the slim duct work be brought into the same area where the down spouts are? They would have to speak with the contractor.

Richard Hawes, seconded by Travis Brown, moves to approve Application # 2024-06(m).

It was voted:

6 – In favor
0 – Opposed
1 – Abstain -
Valentine

**29 Concord Road – Doorway, Windows and Roof Replacement- App# 2024-07(m)
– Jon Metivier**

Mr. Metivier would like to remove the vestibule that was added back in the 80's and go back to the original type of front entrance door. Would also like to go to original type windows on both sides of the building. They were also changed back in the 80's. The roof also needs to be replaced. They would do the architectural charcoal grey roofing. Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. Why don't you just block off the top section? They would like it to be back to as original as

possible and where the top arch window is used to be part of the original tall rectangular windows.

Mary McBride, seconded by Travis Brown, moves to approve Application # 2024-07(m) for 29 Concord Road for door, windows and roof replacement.

It was voted: 7 – In favor
0 – Opposed

34 Salem Road – Addition – App# (informal) – Charles Cooper

Mr. Cooper is proposing an addition to his home which would include a garage with a bedroom above, a new bathroom and a set of stairs as a second egress for the second floor. Currently, there is not a second exit. The windows will all match the original part of the house.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. Would you be able to see the new stairs from the street? No. The new windows will be period correct. Commission believes it looks good and asks Mr. cooper to bring back the final plans when you can.

Mary McBride, seconded by Travis Brown, made a motion to open the Public Hearing.

It was voted: 7 – In favor
0 – Opposed

PUBLIC HEARING:

18 Andover Road – Building Alterations – App#2024-03 – Jim O’Connor representing First Congregational Church

Mr. O’Connor went over the PowerPoint he had sent to the commission prior to the meeting. He went over the changes involved and how the new side entrance and new elevator might look.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. The commission likes these plans better than the last ones. Will the stone be exposed on both sides of the front entrance? Eventually, he believes it will be if the grade allows.

There were no public comments.

Mary McBride, seconded by Travis Brown, made a motion to close the Public Hearing.

It was voted: 7 – In favor
0 – Opposed

Mary McBride, seconded by Travis Brown, moves to approve Application # 2024-03.

It was voted: 7 – In favor
0 – Opposed

420 Boston Road - Roof Repair – App#2024-04(m)(n/a)

Katherine Malgieri, Planning Board, spoke on behalf of the property owner Manolis Lantzakis using the emails from Andrew Woolfrey Roofing. This is for the property at 420 to 428 Boston Road which is the buildings housing Liberty Bell and Mangia Mangia. They would like to replace/fix damage to a small part of the roof and siding on the southern side of the second floor. They will be using the same materials they are replacing.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. Commission has no issues with this since it will be like for like materials.

Dan Valentine, seconded by Richard Hawes, moves to approve Application # 2024-04(m).

It was voted:

7 – In favor
0 – Opposed

Center District Signage – Update / discussion regarding neon signage – Mark LaLumiere, Building Commissioner

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. One of the businesses that was an issue is no longer there. Chairman Gagliardi would like to have Mr. LaLumiere present to discuss this matter and asked Ms. Malgieri to schedule him for the next meeting if possible. Chairman Gagliardi also said that he did do some research on these neon signs. Some of the signs look neon but they are LEDs.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Miscellaneous Correspondence (Not Open for Discussion):

N/A

Ms. Malgieri asked if the May meeting could be moved to a later date due to all the other extra meetings leading up to the Town Meeting. The commission decided on May 15, 2024, at 7 pm for the next meeting.

Minutes: Approval of March 6, 2024, minutes

Travis Brown, seconded by Michael Rea, moves to approve the minutes of March 6, 2024.

It was voted:

7 – In favor
0 – Opposed

ADJOURNMENT:

Travis Brown, seconded by Mike Rea, made a motion to adjourn.

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It was voted:

7 – In favor
0 – Opposed

Chairman David Gagliardi adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Joyce MacMillan, Recording Clerk