

Historic District Commission meeting of November 21, 2013

Members present: Julie Gilman, Patrick Gordon, Pam Gjettum, Fred Kollmorgen, Nicole Martineau, Pete Cameron

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chair.

1. The application of Elliott Berkowitz for replacement of the windows in the building at 119-125 Water Street.

The application was presented by Mr. Berkowitz, who showed a brochure of Harvey "Majesty" 6 over 6 windows and a model of the type of windows to be used. The windows will be wooden with aluminum cladding on the exterior. The muntins are between the 2 panes in each window. The application was approved to replace all the windows subject to using 5/8" muntins and frame expanders to fill frame gaps, if they are available for this model of window.

2. The application of Kimberly Schofield for a new sign for the building at 121 Water Street, Unit 1E.

The application was presented by Ms. Schofield. The application was approved subject to the sign being made of wood or medium density overlay. The lettering may be vinyl or carved into the sign. Nicole Martineau suggested that Ms. Schofield refurbish existing bracket from which the sign will be suspended.

3. The application of Allen Lampert to demolish the existing building at 1 Franklin Street and erect a new residential building.

The application was presented by Thomas A. House of THA Architects, LLC. Julie Gilman recused herself so she could speak for the Heritage commission. It was tabled to the next HDC meeting pending further review of the demolition by the Heritage Commission.

4. The application of Allen Lampert to demolish the 2 separate buildings at 20 Franklin Street.

The application was presented by Thomas House. Julie Gilman recused herself so she could speak for the Heritage Commission. There were many comments from abutters and Historic District Commission members about the new buildings not being of the same

style of buildings in the neighborhood, particular the Long Block building. Doorways, windows, and siding material were of particular concern. Abutters in the Long Block are concerned about the height and overall size of the new buildings. Cathy Gallant, an abutter on Clifford Street, suggested that the height be lowered and that the buildings contain fewer units. Mr. Marshall from the other side of the river is worried about the noise which will emanate from the new porches in the summer. David F. Choate of Colliers International in Portsmouth spoke in favor of keeping the project going, so that the existing buildings will not revert back to automotive repair use. The application was tabled to a working, open meeting tentatively on December 3rd during which no vote will be taken. For a vote, it was tabled to the official HDC meeting of December 19th. The HDC suggested to Messrs. Lampert and House that the architectural drawing be revised to show a more traditional design.

5. The minutes of the HDC meeting on September 19th were approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Fred Kollmorgen, vice chair