

Historic District Commission
July 21, 2022
Final Minutes

Call Meeting to Order: Pam Gjettum called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Nowak Room of the Exeter Town Office Building.

Members Present: Pam Gjettum, Julie Gilman, Select Board Rep., Gwen English, Planning Board Rep., Grayson Shephard.

New Business: Public Hearing: The application of Kenn Bevins for replacement of windows in the structure located at 163 R Water Street (boathouse). Case #22-6. This applicant is coming via Zoom, but is not present yet so Pam said we will move on and wait for Mr. Bevins.

The next application is for Robert R. Scally, LLC for new construction of a two-car garage and mudroom addition to the existing residence at 82 High Street. Case #22-7. Robert Scally spoke and said he is representing Jason Murray and Emily Zajano the owners of 82 High Street. Robert said they were here a couple of months ago and now there is a change in the scope of work and reduction in the size of the addition. They are looking to add on a two-car garage with a mudroom on the back of the building. There is no second floor this time on the project. The addition is 26 x 24. He said the site is a bit challenging with the grading and the garage is going to be cut into the hillside basically.

Robert said there will be a couple of windows in the building and it is his understanding that vinyl windows are out of scope of this work so he is proposing a Marvin Signature series. Marvin has a historical profile with simulated divided light. These will be similar to the existing windows in the building. Clapboarding will be the same style and all the trim work will be matching.

Pam said that this is certainly a busy house. Robert said that the main structure was built in 1892 and has had numerous changes and additions to it all over.

Julie said she has seen the drawings previously and had concerns about the roof and how it joins other pieces of roof that created a tricky geometry, so lowering it so it is not two floors anymore, does that help with the drainage? Robert said that it does take a lot of drainage problems away.

Pam then asked the commission members if they had anything they would like to say or ask. None of the members had any comments so Julie then made a motion to accept the application. Grayson seconded. All were in favor and application was accepted.

Pam then asked the members if they had any questions. Julie said that this application is very complete and she really appreciates that the members have no questions.

Grayson said he was not present when it was originally discussed, but what he sees here looks great

Gwen asked about the garage doors. She said having the horizontal panels, it seems to contrast with the verticalness of the windows and the rest of the house.

Julie said there are a couple different styles shown in the packet and if they had the ones that just had the horizontal without the vertical separation in between, that would make them look taller. Julie then said it was a good point that Gwen was making.

Julie then asked Robert if he had looked at just a plain flat door. Robert said just a straight flat panel? He then said it is a possibility.

Julie then made a motion to approve the application as presented. Grayson seconded. All were in favor and the application approved.

Next Mr. Kenn Bevins was on the screen via Zoom. Kenn spoke and said he wanted to replace windows at 163 R Water Street, the boathouse. He said the windows on the boathouse are vinyl, there is some wood and they are falling out of the building. He said they are junk and need to be replaced.

Julie asked Kenn if this application was just for the unit on the end or is it for all the windows on that elevation. Kenn said it is for all the windows of that level of the building. Kenn said he took some photos and Pam said the members have the packet with pictures in it.

Julie asked what would be done with the triangle window. Kenn said it is going to be replaced with another 30 inch square Anderson E window.

Gwen asked if the balcony was part of this project and Kenn said that it would be. Mr. Bevins kept cutting in and out via Zoom.

Grayson asked if these windows would be matching the material the commission approved at a previous meeting.

Kenn said they would be. Kenn said they do not want vinyl or fiberglass, so he has picked out something similar.

Pam said, so you are giving us aluminum clad wood. Is this what we are going with? Kenn said yes, it is. Pam then asked what color and Kenn said they would be black.

Grayson asked what is the balcony actually going to be made of?

Kenn said it is going to be wood and there will be wood railings and a wood deck.

Julie said she had a question about the balcony and why is he going for the horizontal cable railing instead of a metal railing that is seen on other parts of the building.

Kenn said he could do this and Julie said in her opinion it actually works with the shed dormers because they are more modern because of their design.

Pam then asked for a motion and Grayson made a motion to accept the application as complete. Julie seconded. All were in favor and the application accepted.

Grayson asked if the railing on the balcony was going to match the windows. Kenn said it will be the same color and material.

Kenn said the windows are really nice and expensive and he said the windows that are there, are literally falling out.

Pam asked for a motion to approve and Julie made a motion to approve the application as presented. Grayson seconded. All were in favor and the application was approved.

Other Business: Election of Officers will be done at the next meeting.

Next is the approval of the March 17, 2022 Minutes. After review and a few changes, the minutes were approved because they are from March.

With no further business, Pam made a motion to adjourn. Julie seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Herrick
Recording Secretary

