

SALEM HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 16, 2015

A meeting of the Salem Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm at 120 Washington Street, Salem, MA. Present were Kathy Harper (Vice Chair), David Hart, Susan Keenan, and Joanne McCrea.

95 Federal Street

As a continuation from a previous meeting, Robert Kendall submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace all the existing wooden gutters, including the porches, with 6" aluminum gutters pre-painted with an Ivory finish to closely match the existing trim color.

Documents & Exhibits

- Application: 6/22/15
- Photographs
- Estimate from New England Gutter Kings

Ms. Lovett stated that this application will need to be continued due to a lack of quorum.

VOTE: *Mr. Hart made a motion to continue the application to the next meeting. Ms. Kennan seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion so carried.*

89 Federal Street

As a continuation from a previous meeting, T. Jane Graham-Dwyer submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the existing roof with architectural shingles.

The Commission approved the installation of 3-tab shingles and continued a vote on the architectural shingles.

Documents & Exhibits

- Application: 6/25/15
- Photographs

Ms. Lovett stated that she has not received a letter to withdraw the application for architectural shingles from the applicant. The Commission can vote tonight to continue the application, or deny the application without prejudice.

VOTE: *Mr. Hart made a motion to continue the application. Ms. Keenan seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion so carried.*

142-148 Derby Street

Todd Waller (142 Derby LLC) submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to:

- Repair the existing metal door with a brass kick plate

- Replace the front gutter with an aluminum seamless gutter painted to match the trim
- Paint colors:
 - Siding- California HC Jackson Antique
 - Frames and Corner Boards- PM-15 Cottage Red (Existing)
 - Trim- HC-105 Rockport Gray

Documents & Exhibits

- Application: 8/6/15
- Photographs

Todd Waller was present.

Mr. Waller stated that he is the owner of the property. They bought the property last year, and it is in disrepair. They would like to start with repainting, installing new gutters, and adding a brass kickplate. The new gutters will be pre-colored aluminum gutters in the color red. The gutters will be along the edge of the soffit.

Mr. Waller stated that the storefront is currently painted red with a pink/red body color. The proposed paint colors are historically appropriate colors. The body color will be an earlier period color, but it is on a lot of period brick buildings. The reason that paint color was used for brick buildings is that it matches the mortar color well. He would like the clapboards to tie into the brick along the Pig's Eye portion of the building, but still differentiate it. The soffits, trim around the windows, and the secondary soffit would be Cottage Red. The trim under the windows, the recessed panels beneath the windows, and the frieze board above the windows will be Rockport Gray.

Mr. Hart asked where the downspouts would be located.

Mr. Waller responded there is one existing downspout, and another will be added.

Ms. Harper asked which door will have a new kickplate.

Mr. Waller stated that it is the door for the coffee shop. The Building Inspector would like the door to remain as a metal fire door. The kickplate will be brass and the door will be painted Rockport Gray.

VOTE: *Mr. Hart made a motion to approve the application, as submitted. Ms. McCrea seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion so carried.*

FY16 Community Preservation Plan

Ms. McCrea spoke with the Commission about the Community Preservation Plan annual update. The Commission has been asked to provide comments to the Community Preservation Committee regarding the plan. Ms. McCrea stated that the next submissions are due in March. It would be good to appear at the City Council meeting when the CPA projects are there for approval.

Mr. Hart stated that he supports CPA funds being utilized for private organizations to restore historically significant buildings.

Ms. Harper added that there may be misconceptions about how difficult it is to keep up these buildings. Additionally, it seems as though many of the City projects are due to the lack of maintenance of buildings.

Ms. Keenan asked if the housing projects can be proposed anywhere in the City.

Ms. McCrea responded in the affirmative.

Ms. McCrea stated that CPA funds cannot be used for maintenance projects, however in the instance of the library roof they decided they could fund it because it protected significant collections.

Ms. Harper noted that if community support is one of the criteria for reviewing proposals, then it seems as though that would be beneficial to non-municipal owners that have large groups of supporters.

Ms. Lovett stated that the Commission could consider making a comment to the CPC that historically significant properties, whether municipal or privately owned, should be considered equally for funding.

Mr. Hart asked Ms. Lovett to send a copy of last year's comment letter.

Other Business

Approval of Minutes

VOTE: *Ms. McCrea made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/15/15, with comments. Ms. Keenan seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion so carried.*

Correspondence

Ms. Lovett notified the Commission members that the draft Preservation Plan will be available to the public on Friday, September 18, 2015. There will be a public meeting held on Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30pm. She encouraged the Commission members to review the draft plan and send her any comments they may have.

VOTE: *There being no further business, Mr. Hart made a motion to adjourn. Ms. McCrea seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion so carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie BL Lovett
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