SALEM HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES June 2, 2021

A meeting of the Salem Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm via **Zoom Virtual Meeting**. Present were: Milo Martinez, Larry Spang (Chair), Mark Meche, Vijay Joyce, Erin Schaeffer, Mark Pattison, Rebecca English. Not present: Reed Cutting, Stacey Norkun. Preservation Planner: Patti Kelleher

Presentation on Pioneer Village Project

Margaret Wood (project consultant), Elizabeth Peterson (City of Salem), and Matt Kirchman (project architect) were in attendance to present design proposal. Ms. Wood presented noting that Pioneer Village is on a site that is flooding. A project has been proposed which has the Mayor's endorsement to move the village to Camp Naumkeag. The purpose of this presentation is for a consultation as a preamble ideally to a site visit. Demolishing the Naumkeag structures (which are in a deteriorated state) will be necessary to enable the Pioneer Village project. Slides were presented. Camp Naumkeag is an ideal site considering its location on trolley line and higher elevation. Among the project goals are to situate Pioneer Village to a more environmentally sustainable location, to expand the vision of the project to include both indigenous and colonial cultures, and to increase the financial sustainability of the new site by making it more visible and accessible. Ms. Wood noted that she was standing in in attendance for Jenna Ide (Director of Capital Projects & Municipal Operations for the City of Salem) and Tricia O'Brien (Superintendent for City of Salem's Park, Recreation and Community Service). Additional project members include Ginny Adams, Gretchen Pineo, Glen Valentine, John Wathne, and Elizabeth Solomon.

Ms. Peterson discussed the history of Pioneer Village: built in 1930 to represent Salem in the year 1630 as part of a statewide tercentenary celebration of Mass Bay Colony, as a temporary stage setting for a pageant and recreation of arrival of Winthrop fleet and other colonists. The site was left in place by progressive-minded individuals in preservation and municipal communities to remain as America's first living history museum, making the site locally, regionally, and nationally significant. Ms. Peterson noted the importance of not only keeping George Francis Dow's original vision intact but also working with the Massachusetts Tribe to reimagine this space with equal representation of cultures through/with a transparent lens. Moving and reimagining the site presents an unprecedented opportunity.

Pioneer Village is significant for four key reasons: indigenous history; colonial history; museum history; and environmental history. Camp Naumkeag was also presented as a site with a rich history of interest. The buildings there are not the original; original buildings were from 1910 as part of a tuberculosis health day camp. Those buildings were destroyed by a thunderstorm in 1930, with existing structures built in 1932. The City of Salem acquired the property in 2002. The YMCA - as of last summer - transitioned their camp program to Forest River Park. The proposed relocation of Pioneer Village to the Camp Naumkeag site provides a useful orientation point in Fort Lee. Abutters who live on the proposed site have expressed excitement about the project.

The condition of the sites and structures were assessed by the City in 2018 and discussed by Ms. Adams. Estimates for repair were \$830,000 to ensure compliance with structural, energy, and access codes. In October 2020, the Public Archaeology Lab, Inc. (PAL) completed an archaeological survey of the Naumkeag site. The City recognizes the important history represented by Camp Naumkeag and the Pioneer Village. PAL is focused on clarifying these sites' potential eligibilities with the National Register of Historic Places; will clarify with SHC and MHC as plans progress. Pioneer Village was surveyed in 1989 and found ineligible on the National Register due to lack of integrity, which was repeated in 2018 with no new or updated information. Camp Naumkeag was surveyed in 1998 and was not recommended

eligible (though without a definitive statement of ineligibility). The Village warrants reevaluation at this time, such as owing to the age of buildings added to the site during the 1960s.

The City intends to complete a State Archival Documentation with photographs, narrative, and historical images of Pioneer Village and Camp Naumkeag prior to any changes at either site. Copies of documentation would be filed with the City and at the State Archives. The Project Team is considering options for the Pioneer Village relocation to incorporate buildings and a site setting that is comparable to the 17th century interpretive layout of the original 1930 design. Three one-story and one two-story buildings will be relocated from Pioneer Village to Camp Naumkeag and restored. The work will be done by a mover and a timber framer experienced in moving and restoring historic buildings.

The Design Team - Mr. Oudens, Mr. Genter, Ms. Adams, Mr. Kirchman, and Mr. Valentine (not present) - took over the presentation. Mr. Genter showed the site plan, noting some flat spots and the site's steep topography. In moving the village, the desire would be to have the site fully accessible to as many as possible. Dense plantings exist; the desire is to retain as many of these as possible. The basic organization of the site was then shown, including parking, visitor center, Pioneer Village (which consists of four structures), event area, and locus of indigenous representation. Mr. Genter clarified that several options exist, including a preferred option which was shown (a key difference across potential options is that the location of the visitor center changes). Key landscape components include a small parking lot, small trolley/bus dropoff area, stormwater garden (which runs throughout the site), meadows, a pavilion, and amphitheater. Preserving and recreating the Village in this new setting is the goal. Size is roughly 4200sq ft including a maintenance shed. Precedents for the visitor center were also shown. The project is being planned as a two-phase project: construction and design. The project is currently still in the master planning stage. Ms. Wood noted the desire to align completion of this project with Salem 400.

Ms. Wood covered existing local concerns to include management of parking, security, and location for school bus waiting. The site is currently fenced, thus raising the issue of how to maintain security at the new venue, which would constitute a significant draw of interest and traffic to the area.

Chair Spang asked for clarification as to what input is desired from SHC. Ms. Wood pointed out the need to demolish the existing Naumkeag structures and raised a few questions: would demo delay be involved? What steps should be taken to keep the project moving along? Chair Spang also asked whether state funding would be involved, which Ms. Wood affirmed (in the form of bonds and grants). The expectation is to go through MHC in the near future.

Mr. Meche stated preference for security with a low profile, though wondered as to what that would look like. Mr. Meche agreed as to the need for a site visit in the immediate future.

Ms. Wood noted that admission-based entry would be the goal (and is an existing practice), as would be to fence the entire site. Mr. Meche also questioned what the right of way was for on the existing site plan as well as whether the water side would be fenced. Mr. Genter noted the desire to primarily fence along the Pioneer Village section. Further, Mr. Genter noted that meadow and meadow grass would be used in a subtle way to blend a fence in with the landscape (and clarified that a short fence would feature along the water side of the site).

Chair Spang asked what ideas exist for the indigenous space, which Mr. Genter noted is mainly a work in progress at this point to be developed further. Ms. Solomon expressed a need to look at long and

contemporaneous history of indigenous presence in eastern Massachusetts; and not necessarily approaching the space as a point in time but rather emphasizing the permanence of native presence in the area, specifically that which predates the colonial era. Ms. Solomon reiterated that the indigenous element of the project is a work in progress.

Chair Spang drew attention to the northeastern portion where the site meets Memorial Drive - which shows service area access - which Mr. Genter noted would facilitate access to service and emergency vehicles, ideally in a way that looks less paved than not. Chair Spang noted the need to think about this area in terms of how it knits with Memorial Drive as something which will be experienced by pedestrians and local traffic.

Mr. Meche asked if any part of this plan is part of Article 97/Parkland. Chair Spang asked if approval from the Legislature needed. Ms. Wood noted that further investigation may be needed. Mr. Meche asked if any explicit goals exist for Fort Lee, to which Ms. Wood noted an orientation to Fort Lee by way of a trolley stop is the desire (or perhaps having two stops).

Ms. Peterson also expressed the importance of Fort Lee as part of the initiative to move Pioneer Village to this spot, namely to discuss the area's various historical connotations and meanings, e.g. colonial, indigenous, Revolutionary War, Civil War era, etc.

Mr. Martinez asked if any preservation restrictions exist on Pioneer Village which would preclude dismantling those structures. Ms. Adams stated that they were unaware of any restrictions, though MHC's evaluation would be forthcoming. Mr. Martinez asked if the buildings on Pioneer Village would become 2020's buildings instead of 1930's buildings by virtue of being disassembled and reassembled.

Mr. Joyce asked how far the involved groups are or plan on taking the historiCity of Pioneer Village buildings, specifically highlighting the orientation of the buildings in terms of which direction their facades will face in the new site (Mr. Joyce specified that structures' facades would have originally faced south). Ms. Peterson spoke to the Project and Design Teams' cognizance of Dow's intent and orientation of structures.

Public comment:

Caroline Watson-Felt, Historic Salem Inc., expressed support for the project and a forthcoming catalogue of details available on each of the site's buildings. Preliminary questions were raised: will the project's forthcoming catalogue include the final determination of each building; how would those structures be repurposed? Which would be demolished? Concerns were expressed regarding long-term maintenance plan and how such care would be funded: via the City funding? Ticket sales income? Lauded the Fort Lee connection and expressed interest as an advocacy group (in addition to other local Fort Lee support groups). Ms. Wood was unsure at this early stage as to where funding would come from and welcomed Historic Salem's interest in coming for a site visit. Ms. Adams noted that the final determination of buildings will be derived from archival documentation. Ms. Watson-Felt also noted Historic Salem's interest in discussing the demolition of existing Naumkeag buildings.

Polly Wilbert, President of South Salem Neighborhood Association, expressed sadness in losing Pioneer Village from their neighborhood. Expressed concern over using Wikipedia as a historical resource concerning Pioneer Village's past. Ms. Wilbert noted that Christian Lance was chair of Parks and Rec

from 1910-40 and personally raised every dollar - \$20,000 in private subscriptions - to preserve Pioneer Village previous to 1930. This site was so successful that in 1938, admission fees from hundreds of thousands of visitors were going to Parks and Rec and not into City of Salem's funds. Ms. Wilbert questioned how interest could be sustained in Pioneer Village beyond Salem 400 in 2026. How can we ensure the site is well-managed and maintained over time so that it does not deteriorate as the existing site did? Ms. Wilbert also expressed concern over the location of the maintenance shed on the existing plan.

Ms. Peterson noted the concerns over long-term maintenance of the Village were well-taken and that different models are being looked at for long-term care over time. Since the City of Salem resumed responsibility of looking of the Village, the site has been on the upswing.

Barbara Cleary, Historic Salem, asked for clarification regarding a reevaluation of Camp Naumkeag's history and significance. Ms. Adams noted that this process may involve performing an up-to-date evaluation as the most recent study occurred was 23 years ago. Ms. Cleary expressed support for the reevaluation and suggested that no discussion of demolition delay waiver should occur until the reevaluation occurs. The historical significance of those Naumkeag buildings needs to be assessed as well as whether or not existing buildings could be incorporated into ongoing plans.

Chair Spang noted that SHC prefers scheduling site visits on Saturday mornings or afternoons. Ms. Wood expressed desire to meet for 60 to 90 minutes as soon as possible, weather permitting. June 12 was tentatively scheduled, specifically with a 9:15 am start date. Ms. Kelleher noted that a poll would be distributed among SHC members, and that details of such a visit should be publicly posted.

140 Derby Street – *continuation*

Patrick Shea submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for new paint colors.

Documents & Exhibits

- Application: 3/29/21
- Photographs

Ms. Kelleher reported that Mr. Shea requested an extension to the next meeting to create a mockup of paint colors. Mr. Meche affirmed that Mr. Shea is ready to go. Chair Spang confirmed that Mr. Meche and Ms. Norkun had been deputized to work with Mr. Shea in finalizing the details.

VOTE: Mr. Joyce made a motion to continue the application to the next meeting. Ms. English seconded the motion. Roll Call: Schaeffer, English, Joyce, Pattison, Martinez, Meche, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

23 River Street – *continuation*

Paschal Corrigan submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to renovate building.

Documents & Exhibits

- Application: 4/8/21
- Photographs

Ms. Kelleher reported that the applicant requested a continuation to the next meeting. Chair Spang recommended that drawings need to be submitted in advance of the meeting. Ms. Kelleher noted that she would give a deadline of June 9 in order to be heard at the June 16 meeting.

VOTE: Mr. Martinez made a motion to continue to the next meeting. Ms. English seconded the motion. Roll Call: Schaeffer, English, Joyce, Pattison, Martinez, Meche, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

<u>180 Derby Street – continuation</u>

Michael Bolduc submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to relocate electrical service at the Brookhouse Home.

Documents & Exhibits

- Application: 4/29/21
- Photographs

Mr. Bolduc, the project electrician, was in attendance.

Mr. Bolduc reported that an entirely new electrical service is being proposed. He sent photos to respond to Commission's question on whether service could be placed underground. Unfortunately, the existing service pole has too many conduits on it, which precludes service to the Brookhouse from going underground (one of these services the Custom House). National Grid denied the possibility of doing this. Mr. Bolduc noted that a sizeable archway in the basement would be where the conduit would need to go in order to get where the main electrical and CT (current transformer) cabinet would go.

Chair Spang asked if location of the main can be moved further up Orange Street. Mr. Bolduc noted that the original plan was to put the electrical service up the side of the building, but this idea was not approved by the Fire Department. The clearances in the basement are too low to put the electrical service. Mr. Bolduc expressed concern over having enough height/clearance to access an 800 amp switchoff - what is known as a "hot sequence." Once the pipe enters the building, it has to go to the main. Mr. Bolduc expressed doubt as to whether enough clearances would exist to push the connections back further up Orange Street as Chair Spang had wondered. Mr. Bolduc noted that once pipes enter the building, they must go to the main within 5 feet. Chair Spang noted that if pipes are encased in concrete, that may be a go-around. Mr. Meche asked if Chair Spang was thinking of a duct bank, which the latter affirmed.

Mr. Meche asked if the service was a 208V and whether or not 480V was available. Mr. Meche asked if one of the existing conduits on the existing pole goes to the Custom House. Mr. Bolduc noted that a 2" pipe for a fire alarm goes to Custom House; fire alarms and telecommunications connections also exist. Existing service was designed by an electrical engineer and Mr. Bolduc has the plans in question. Chair Spang questioned the size of the proposed pipes. Chair Spang also asked if there is a pole access point. Mr. Bolduc noted that the existing proposal is for two 4" PVC conduits. Chair Spang asked if these were both be placed horizontally. Mr. Bolduc noted that a 90-degree coupling would exist at the bottom of the existing service. Mr. Meche asked if the pipe would come down and have a 3' sweep parallel to the plane of the wall.

Chair Spang expressed interest in conducting a site visit to see how the planned service would look in person. Mr. Bolduc noted the eventual necessity of two pipes, two weatherheads, two LBs (line boxes), and two sweeps. Mr. Bolduc indicated that the existing orientation is illegal for a variety of reasons. Mr. Meche questioned whether the measurements would be the same if the pipes were EMT/metallic. Mr. Pattison requested that whoever is responsible for granting approval decisions for Fire Department/Prevention can be present at the site visit because of the need to coordinate this project with various groups.

Public comment:

Thomas Crane, Chair of Board of Directors at Brookhouse, was present to advocate for what is being attempted. Stan Usovicz was present on past occasion to establish mission of the Brookhouse. From a historical perspective, beginning in 1861 Captain Robert Brookhouse was deeded to Association for Aged Women, not much of a social safety net at the time. The home provides safe and healthy residence for senior women who do not have the means to go to assisted living. The Brookhouse is a rest home with 36 beds, 3 meals daily, needs of residents, medication. Maintaining this home is huge challenge for a non-profit; particularly over past 5-6 years. Electrical service is not adequate for 21st century needs but is rather antiquated and in need of update to ensure meeting quality of life needs. The project has already been significantly delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Considering quality of life needs such as cooling in summer months, Chair Spang expressed the need for Mr. Crane to also bring air conditioning proposals before the Commission. Mr. Meche asked if an engineering consultant had been hired to work on the Home's behalf. Mr. Crane noted a variety of consultants have been contacted in recent years (including John Seger). Mr. Meche noted that only incremental improvements have been made, and that electrical loads have gotten lighter over time. Mr. Meche further identified the need for a designer to work with the electricians. Mr. Crane expressed the wish for a site visit. Chair Spang agreed, noting that a site visit would allow the Commission to witness the structure in full to gain a fuller appreciation of what all is being proposed. Mr. Pattison expressed the need to see a plan/diagram that an electrical engineer has put together for the Brookhouse Home. Mr. Bolduc noted that the plan, fittings, and conduit could be presented during asite visit.

Judy Kane, administrator at the Brookhouse Home, noted that improvements to building have been undertaken during her tenure. Ms. Kane noted that the mission of this licensed rest home is to provide air conditioning, which will require electrical improvements and upgrades. Chair Spang reiterated the need for an application to move the process forward on any planned HVAC systems that may require equipment on the exterior of the building.

Chair Spang requested that Ms. Kelleher facilitate getting a site visit planned with the Brookhouse Home, Ms. Kane, Mr. Crane, personnel from the Fire Department, and so forth to connect all interested parties moving forward.

Mr. Bolduc agreed to look into the feasibility of 480V with National Grid to minimize impact on the building.

VOTE: Mr. Meche motioned to continue to the next meeting on June 16th. Mr. Pattison seconded the motion. Roll Call: Schaeffer, English, Joyce, Pattison, Martinez, Meche, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

329 Essex Street – continuation

Ian Popken submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install fencing.

Documents & Exhibits

• Application: 5/3/21

• Photographs

Mr. Popken was present to follow up on a previous design ambition with a Victorian design. The fence has been changed from 4ft in height to 3ft; gloss black has been changed to matte black; machine-applied to hand-applied; and high-quality grey cast iron will be used. A company in Tulsa, OK called Heritage Cast Iron USA is being vetted as a possible manufacturer. Specifications were presented by applicant.

Mr. Joyce and Mr. Pattison performed a site visit to look at fence's character as integral to the property. Mr. Joyce lauded the new proposed design as very promising. Mr. Pattison also commended the applicant's work on this application and on the property. Mr. Joyce, Ms. English, and Ms. Schaeffer expressed unanimous approval with the welded fence. Mr. Popken noted that the previous engineer expressed not wanting to weld the fence due to expanding and contracting with weather changes, and recommended bolts. Mr. Popken also noted that these fences have been welded in the past, thus indicating the feasibility of continuing to do so; but noted that the fence will need to be monitored over time for its resilience and endurance.

Mr. Meche asked how frequently the fence is attached to the ground/foundation wall. Mr. Popken noted that 16" sections have three footings each, so virtually every 5 inches or so.

Mr. Joyce commended the fact that the fence maintains relative scale/height to a historic photo of the property. Ms. English also praised the applicant for the amount of work done over the past two weeks. Mr. Martinez asked what the name of the design is, which was determined to be Stewart Half Height Railing Post.

No public comment.

VOTE: Mr. Martinez motioned to approve the Stewart Half Height design for the new fence. Mr. Pattison seconded the motion. Roll Call: Meche, Martinez, English, Pattison, Schaeffer, Joyce were in favor and the motion so carried.

18 Chestnut Street – *continuation*

Dorothy Kelleher submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace rear fencing.

Ms. Kelleher reported that the applicant requested a continuation.

VOTE: Mr. Martinez made a motion to continue to the next meeting on June 16th. Ms. English seconded the motion. Roll Call: Schaeffer, English, Joyce, Pattison, Martinez, Meche, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

384 Essex Street – continuation

Dana Barnard submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace a fence after the fact.

Documents & Exhibits

• Application: 5/7/21

• Photographs

Dana Barnard was present.

A site visit was conducted by Mr. Meche, Chair Spang, Mr. Martinez, and Mr. Pattison; the applicant was not present. The Commission discussed the option for cutting and leveling off the existing new posts to reduce the height of the fence and then staining the posts to match the same color as the rest of the fence. A cap would then be added to the top of the fence sections. Mr. Pattison noted that the point of the cap was to make one running cap over the sections, posts, etc.; all at the same level. Upon expressing concern as to the width of the cover, Mr. Pattison noted that the posts would need to be cut at an angle to allow placement of a cap. Mr. Joyce asked if any specifications had been given to applicant for the cap. Mr. Pattison expressed preference for a simple cap. On Ms. English's suggestion the need for a visualization as to how the end product should look, Mr. Joyce and Mr. Pattison noted the need for an added molding below the cap to ensure that the fence does not project out too far. The applicant clarified that no lattice will be added to the fence.

No public comment.

VOTE: Mr. Pattison motioned to accept the application with the following changes: reduce post height, add a new cap with small molding below to run straight over everything, paint one color (i.e. red). Applicant to procure and present samples to Commission representative for approval. Chair Spang seconded the motion. Roll Call: Spang, Pattison, Meche, Schaeffer, Martinez, English, Joyce were in favor and the motion so carried.

56 Jefferson Avenue

Domenica Ingemi Realty submitted an application for a Waiver of Demolition Delay to demolish a multi-family building.

Documents & Exhibits

• Application: 5/10/21

Photographs

Scott Ingemi was present on behalf of property owner.

Chair Spang noted that several Commission members conducted a site visit prior to meeting. Scott Ingemi noted that this building has been moved and has undergone significant renovations, main supports, seen failures to the foundation. The money to restore the structure would not justify the cost of doing so. The new building would be a three-family as well. The structure was originally post-and-beam but has undergone several haphazard changes.

Chair Spang agreed that the building is a hodgepodge of different periods and structures, many of which seem suspect and/or potentially dangerous (i.e. structural posts have been removed and the floor is starting to come down in a former kitchen area). The first floor does still have occupants. From Chair Spang's perspective, there is not much of historical value at this property. Mr. Meche agreed that the structure is in tough shape. Mr. Ingemi noted that this structure originally had a pitched roof, and knows a fair amount of the house's history (his father was born in it). Mr. Ingemi will be in front of the ZBA in the coming weeks for other meetings.

No public comment.

VOTE: Mr. Pattison made a motion to approve the waiver with the requirement that ¾ view photographs and dimensions of the building be provided. Ms. English seconded the motion. Roll Call: Schaeffer, English, Joyce, Pattison, Martinez, Meche, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

19 Orne Square

Christine Thomson submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to use a shed which was recently removed from a neighbor's adjoining property.

Documents & Exhibits

- Application: 5/10/21
- Photographs
- Site plan

The applicant was not present.

Ms. Kelleher presented the application, noting that the applicant is seeking to relocate the neighbor's shed, which the Commission recently approved for replacement, to her property. Mr. Joyce clarified that the window of the shed would be closest to the street. Mr. Martinez asked if the applicant desires to change the color of shed, to which Ms. Kelleher noted that no changes were specified in the application. Chair Spang expressed concern as to the appropriateness of this shed to the district; specifically its arch door. Mr. Joyce noted that the shed is not necessarily well-oriented to the colonial homes in this district. Mr. Pattison noted the possibility of positioning the shed on the property in a certain way. Given the applicant's absence, the Commission generally agreed as to the need to continue hearing the case until a future date.

No public comment.

VOTE: Ms. English made a motion to continue to the next meeting on June 16, 2021. Mr. Joyce seconded motion. Roll Call: Schaeffer, English, Joyce, Pattison, Martinez, Meche, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

31 Broad Street

Ellen Marshall submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to use replicas of original shutters.

Documents & Exhibits

• Application: 5/12/21

• Photographs

Ellen Marshall was present.

Ms. Marshall expressed desire to use replicas from original shutters of the house. A contractor working with the applicant does not believe the originals to be salvageable as the wood is rotted. Replicas of exact proportions are being procured through New England Shutter in order to be put back on the front of the house. Mr. Joyce asked about hardware. Ms. Marshall noted that tie-backs will be used. Mr. Joyce asked if there are currently pintles on the windows to attach shutters to. Ms. Marshall noted that there are not. Chair Spang asked if only the front elevation or sides will be done. Chair Spang wondered as to whether ears hanging down from shutters are period-specific. Ms. Marshall noted that she is still in possession of the originals but does not recall if they have ears or not. Chair Spang also pointed out that someone may have cut the ears off at some point. Ms. Marshall noted that a photograph of the existing shutters will be presented in the future. Chair Spang expressed the need to match the originals as closely as possible. Mr. Pattison asked for specification as to wood material, which applicant noted was red cedar. Mr. Martinez asked for specification as to type of shutter dog. Ms. Marshall noted that the existing photographs do not make clear what type of shutter dogs were in use.

No public comment.

VOTE: Mr. Joyce made a motion to approve the application to replicate original shutters in same material (wood) painted same color as existing (black) with new hardware to be black as well (metal) for pintles and shutter dogs. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion. Roll Call: Schaeffer, English, Joyce, Pattison, Martinez, Meche, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

90 Federal Street

Carrie Cabot submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for new fencing.

Documents & Exhibits

■ Application: 5/10/21

Photographs

The applicant was not present.

Ms. Kelleher presented the application noting that the applicant is seeking a new fence. The backyard has a stone wall along walkway in her backyard that is of varying heights and would like to make the fence all one height, expressing particular concern as to pet safety. Ms. Cabot would like to add two or three feet of height onto the existing fence wall. Chair Spang asked how tall the fencing would be on top of the stone wall. Ms. Cabot noted that heights would vary contingent to the heights of the existing stone wall; could range between one and two feet. Ms. Cabot noted that the maximum height would likely taper off at three feet high. Mr. Joyce noted that this style of fencing would not be inappropriate for a side wall. Chair Spang expressed interest in matching fences from the photos presented from 14 Cambridge as a model to emulate. Chair Spang asked the Commission for a consensus on whether a site visit was necessary. Ms. Cabot noted that the proposed fence mimics that which her condo-mate has on her porch. Chair Spang indicated June 12 as an ideal site visit date.

No public comment.

VOTE: Mr. Martinez made a motion to continue the application to the next meeting on June 16, 2021. Mr. Pattison seconded the motion. Roll Call: Schaeffer, English, Joyce, Pattison, Martinez, Meche, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

31-33-35 Warren Street

The Phillips Warren Condominium Trust submitted an application for Certificate of Appropriateness to replace fencing.

Ms. Kelleher reported that the applicant requested a continuation to the June 16th meeting.

Documents & Exhibits

■ Application: 5/18/21

Photographs

VOTE: Mr. Joyce motioned to continue application to next meeting on June 16, 2021. Mr. Pattison seconded motion. Roll Call: Schaeffer, English, Joyce, Pattison, Martinez, Meche, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

33 Warren Street

Joseph Kaye submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to relocate brick pillar.

Documents & Exhibits

Application: 5/18/21

Photographs

Ms. Kelleher reported that the applicant requested a continuation to the June 16th meeting.

VOTE: Ms. English motioned to continue to the next meeting on June 16, 2021. Mr. Joyce seconded motion. Roll Call: Schaeffer, English, Joyce, Pattison, Martinez, Meche, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

14 Broad Street

Ellen Schiller submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace fencing.

Documents & Exhibits

■ Application: 5/19/21

Photographs

Ms. Kelleher reported that the applicant requested a continuation to the June 16th meeting.

VOTE: Mr. Pattison motioned to continue to next meeting. Mr. Joyce seconded motion. Roll Call: Schaeffer, English, Joyce, Pattison, Martinez, Meche, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

Other Business:

Mr. Martinez noted the possibility of having an additional SHC meeting in June given that there are five Wednesdays in the month.

Ms. Kelleher proposed making site visits with the final applicants of the present agenda in advance of the next meeting. Chair Spang and Mr. Meche expressed openness to doing so, noting June 12 as a viable date. Mr. Pattison asked if June 5 would be a possibility so as not to overwhelm planned itinerary of site visits for June 12. Mr. Pattison, Mr. Meche, Ms. Schaeffer, Ms. English, and Chair Spang all expressed openness to conducting site visits on June 5.

Alan Hanscom noted that the City and SATV are discussing hybrid meetings at 98 Washington St. Passed along message to talk to Roberta Gansenberg (Technical Support Manager for the City) about possible hybrid meetings moving forward.

Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Mr. Pattison made a motion to approve meeting minutes from February 17, March 17, and May 5. Ms. English seconded motion. Roll Call: Schaeffer, English, Joyce, Pattison, Martinez, Meche, Spang were in favor and the motion so carried.

Commission members discussed the likelihood and logistics of an in-person meeting on June 16 given that the Governor's order expires on June 15.

Adjournment

VOTE: Mr. Joyce made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Pattison seconded motion. All were in favor and the motion so carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Graham Historical Commission Clerk