

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JULY 8, 2009

Members Present: Chairman Lynne Langlois, Neil Horner and Paul Deysenroth

Members Absent: Roland Poirer, Chris Kimberly, Nikki Bleifeld and one vacancy

Guests: Robert Sanders (Architect, representing Norfield Church)

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Lynne Langlois

1. This was a public hearing on an application from Norfield Church to install two air conditioner condensers (approximately 36"X 18") on the east side of the church and install a new door with glazed panels in rear . Mr. Sanders presented a drawing and photos of the church showing the location of the condensers on the side of the building. Mr. Sanders stated the units will be positioned on the side of the building less visible from the public right of way. He stated in addition to replacing the heating system in the historic part of the building, the interior renovations will provide a handicapped accessible lavatory. Mr. Sanders stated the most natural way to conceal the units is to use the existing landscaping between a tree and shrubs and to add new shrubbery on the other side. Installation will be done at the end of the month.

The commission and Mr. Sanders went to walk around the church and view the location for the units. The commission suggested that the least obtrusive location for the condensers would be in the northeast corner behind the 1976 addition to the church. Mr. Sanders will revise the drawing to show the new location.

Paul Deysenroth moved to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to install the air conditioner condensers where viewed at the northeast corner with the appropriate landscape screening. Neil Horner seconded motion. All in favor 3-0.

Mr. Sanders reported on two new doors to be installed at the Norfield Church. The wooden doors will have tempered glass on all four of the door panels. The dimensions will be 7'h x 3'4" and have a paint finish. The glass will not be leaded or stained. Mr. Sanders stated the existing hardware will be reused.

Paul Deysenroth moved to accept a material change on the eastern and western side doors with the four glass panels. Neil Horner seconded motion. All in favor 3-0.

2. Approval of minutes of the June meeting: Paul moved to accept the June 3rd 2009 minutes. Neil seconded motion. All in favor 3-0.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Letters to homeowners: Lynne reported the letters to homeowners in the Historic District areas are almost ready to be mailed to the property owners. An error was found in the numbering on the Den Historic District map. The boundaries of the map are correct, but number 88 Ladder Hill Road North is shown on the map as number 86. Lynne will revise the map.
 - b. 135 Lyons Plain Road: Lynne stated it appears the property owner is in the process of rebuilding the front stone wall and the front steps are being changed into stone. The commission discussed various types of stonewalls and the issue of rebuilding a stone wall to its original condition in the Historic District. Lynne stated there may be a state statute about protecting CT stone walls. Paul stated a CT professor from UCONN lectures on this subject at libraries and speaks at Weir Farm. Neil volunteered to research CT stone walls.
4. New Business: The commission discussed a proposal for a Weston Village that would include the Historic District. Lynne stated all Weston districts are local Historic Districts and are on the National Register of Historic Places.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Sundlof