

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES FOR MARCH 5, 2008

Members Present: Chris Kimberly, Sharon Shattuck, Nikki Bleifeld and Roland Poirier. Chairman Lynne Langlois participated via phone conference call.

Members Absent: two vacancies

Guests: Sandy O'Brien and Hal Shupack (Weston Historical Society) and Lynn Stevens (neighbor)

Meeting called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Vice Chairman Sharon Shattuck

1. This was a public hearing on an application by the Weston Historical Society to build a three story Archival Building on 104 Weston Road. The structure will adjoin the existing "Cider shed".

Hal Shupack from the Weston Historical Society, reported on the proposed archival building on the Historical Society property on Weston Road. The building will adjoin the "Cider shed". It will have archival facility in the basement area with the main floor on ground level and an upper level for an exhibition area. Hal presented detailed drawings with elevations of the site stating a change not reflected on the drawings. Historical Society Building Committee suggested eliminating the entrance coming from the parking lot on the south side and suggested a better entrance would be from the north elevation. The porch would be eliminated which would allow space for the entrance. Inside would be a reception area and then you would enter into the exhibition area. A gift shop would be adjacent the reception area in addition to a closet. The bathrooms would be moved to opposite side to allow an entrance from the outside. Hal stated the change was made during a Historical Society Building Committee meeting.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the changes and the aesthetics of the building. The exterior will resemble a barn. The grounds of the property will have a beautiful campus look. The fireplace will remain standing as it is. The color of the south side roof will match the other buildings on the property. The photovoltaic cells will cover the roof and only glass would be seen. The solar panels will be recessed and trimmed with cedar shingles. The cider shed will have natural wood colored shingles on both sides. The cells will blend in with the cedar roofs. The height from the ground to the top of the building will be approximately 36' not including the cupola. The project will take two years to complete.

Sharon Shattuck read from the State Statutes:

Section 7-147f. Considerations in determining appropriateness. Solar energy systems.

(a) If the commission determines that the proposed erection, alteration or parking will be appropriate, it shall issue a certificate of appropriateness. In passing on appropriateness as to exterior architectural

features, buildings or structures, the commission shall consider, in addition to other pertinent factors, the type and style of exterior windows, doors, light fixtures, signs, aboveground utility structures, mechanical appurtenances and the type and texture of building materials. In passing upon appropriateness as to exterior architectural features the commission shall also consider, in addition to any other pertinent factors, the historical and architectural value and significance, architectural style, scale, general design, arrangement, texture and material of the architectural features involved and the relationship thereof to the exterior architectural style and pertinent features of other buildings and structures in the immediate neighborhood. **No application for a certificate of appropriateness for an exterior architectural feature, such as a solar energy system, designed for the utilization of renewable resources shall be denied unless the commission finds that the feature cannot be installed without substantially impairing the historic character and appearance of the district. A certificate of appropriateness for such a feature may include stipulations requiring design modifications and limitations on the location of the feature which do not significantly impair its effectiveness.**

The Commission approved the concept of the design but would like to see samples of the roof and photovoltaic cells at the April 2nd meeting prior to approval of the roof materials.

Motion: Chris Kimberly made a motion to approve the application from the Weston Historical Society to erect a three story archive and exhibition facility on the Historical Society's site as presented in an application dated February 25, 2008, with the following stipulation: No approval is granted for the roof materials or the photovoltaic cells on the structure. Applicant must present samples and/or drawings or photos of the proposed roof materials at a subsequent hearing.

Nikki Bleifeld seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

2. The minutes of February 5, 2008 were approved.
3. Old Business: Sharon reported on the existing driveway at 47 Norfield Road (Jarvis House). Joe Lametta stated the highway department would not be able to plow driveway if it is a stone surface. Information on tar and chip and stone surface driveways was handed out for the Commission to review and follow up at next month's meeting.

Discussion of a sign for the Parks and Recreation Department located at 47 Norfield Road. The existing sign is roughly 20"x 8".

4. New Business: A copy of the Board of Ethics Rules and Regulations was distributed to all Commissioners for review and will be distributed annually.

Sharon asked Chris if he would look on the internet for a wood shingle roof with photovoltaic cells.

5. Adjournment: Chris moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Sharon seconded motion. All in favor 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Sundlof