

HISTORIC AREA COMMISSION
New Castle Town Hall
2nd and Delaware Streets
March 21, 2013

Present: Sally Monigle, Chairperson
Dorsey Fiske
Doug Heckrotte
Bill Hentkowski

Absent: Tom McDowell

Also Present: Jeff Bergstrom, Building Inspector

Ms. Monigle called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Roll call followed.

NEW APPLICATIONS

D. Robinson, 53 E. 2nd Street

Replace existing front door with 6 panel wood door. Remove existing door.

Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted.

Mr. Hentkowski seconded the motion.

Disposition: The motion was approved.

S. Hannell, 409 Harmony Street

Life and reset bricks on sidewalk and driveway to re-align and level. Existing brick pattern will be maintained.

Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted.

Ms. Fiske seconded.

Disposition: Motion carried.

D. Lamoreaux, 29 W. 4th Street

Remove 2 existing porch post and brackets. Install 4 evenly spaced turned posts with brackets and bracket buddies between. Widen porch steps, install railings. Side and rear porch; add brackets and bracket buddies to existing posts all per plans attached. Also installing fence per sketch attached.

Discussion: The owners and contractor detailed plans. Steps on the front porch will be approximately 6 feet wide, or a third of the width of the house. There was discussion about newels, but the decision is left to the owners. Brackets on the side porch will match the front porch but may need to be smaller because the roof is lower. Mr. Heckrotte suggested the steps are brick/concrete; the applicants believe they are wood. The fence was selected from the list of approved fences. The applicants would like approval to raze the current fence (rotted) and increase the height of the new fence from 4 feet to 6 feet. Mr. Heckrotte said the lumber should be weathered to gray or, if buying pressure-treated lumber, it should be stained with an opaque stain and not left green.

Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted.

Mr. Hentkowski seconded.

Disposition: Motion carried.

NEW APPLICATIONS (Contd.)

M. Bixby, 110 The Strand

Replacement of porch panels (rotted) and new screens. (second story level porch)

Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted with the proviso that the panels will be replaced in kind. Mr. Hentkowski seconded.

Disposition: Motion carried.

P. Bigelow, 58 W. 4th Street

Remove front door per attached.

Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted.

Ms. Fiske seconded.

Disposition: Motion carried.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS

H. Gland, 132 E. 3rd Street

Remove and replace roofing w/ice shield. GAF weathered wood bland dimensional shingles. (work has been done)

Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted.

Ms. Fiske seconded the motion.

Disposition: The motion was approved.

P. Hannum, 18 E. 4th Street

Add three zone heat pump on flat roof in back of house.

Discussion: One condenser; three individual units. They will not be visible from the street.

Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted.

Ms. Fiske seconded the motion.

Disposition: The motion was approved.

P. Crichton, 56 The Strand

Recoat existing tin roof. (back of house)

Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted.

Mr. Hentkowski seconded the motion.

Disposition: The motion was approved.

Spotwood, 423/427 Delaware

Install heat pump on roof in back of property.

Discussion: Unit is not visible from the street. The contractor detailed where the pipe work will be located.

Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted.

Ms. Fiske seconded the motion.

Disposition: The motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

A letter dated 3/4/13 from R. Cooch, 16 E. 3rd Street, pertaining to the property at 313 Delaware Street was read into the record. The letter specifically talked about the brick out

OLD BUSINESS (Contd.)

building (garage) and his opposition to the building being significantly altered or replaced, but is amenable to the owner's sketch adding a garage door to the east side of the building. A photo of the garage dating to approximately 1886 and a copy of the 1885 Sanborn survey showing the shed in its current configuration were submitted with the letter.

An outstanding matter dating to November 2011 has been resolved.

A fancier wrought iron hand rail has been installed on the Shaw House (library). HAC suggested a simpler handle. It is Ms. Fiske's opinion the Trustees should be notified but the handle does not need to be switched.

On the Marini property there are three compressors that face the park that should be fenced off or plantings put in. Research will be done to determine if this matter was addressed previously.

Posts for the library sign are larger than the drawing that was approved and there is no brick walkway leading to the fire door in accordance with a HAC ruling. Ms. Fiske suggested if the work is not correct it should be addressed.

Approval of Minutes – One correction on page 1 was noted. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2/21/13 meeting as amended. Motion carried.

Adjournment -- There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Debbie Turner
Stenographer