

HISTORIC AREA COMMISSION  
New Castle Town Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> and Delaware Streets  
August 15, 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 5:15 p.m. Roll call was taken.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approval of Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 7/18/13 meeting. Motion approved.**

**NEW APPLICATIONS**

**R. Cooch, 16 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

Repointing of masonry, capping of parapet wall with zinc coated copper. New roof GAF Timberline “weathered wood blend color”. New gutters “American Grey” zinc coated copper.

Discussion: Jim Groff of Victorian Heritage (masonry) and Mark Davis of G. Fedale Roofing and Siding (roofing/gutters) explained the work to be done. (*Photos shown.*) The parapet wall height will remain the same. Paint color of the copings was discussed. Pointing of surface area is estimated at 25% to 30% of the whole house. A mortar sample will be viewed by HAC members prior to work being done. The wood shingles on the building pre-date the last roof put on in 1990.

**Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted with the proviso that mortar samples will be available for HAC members to look at and paint the copings. Mr. Hentkowski seconded the motion.**

**Disposition: Motion approved.**

**L. Vance, 43 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

Re-do deck

Discussion: Applicant wants to remove the current deck and replace in kind with wood.

**Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted. Ms. Fiske seconded.**

**Disposition: Motion carried.**

**R. Weber, 126 Harmony Street**

A/C condenser placement approval.

Discussion: The condenser will be placed on the flat roof above the kitchen. It will be visible from Second Street, Market Street and Harmony Street.

**New Applications (Contd.)**

**Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted with the requirement that both compressors be on the ground and no line sets be visible; line sets can be concealed in downspout materials, location subject to HAC approval. Ms. Fiske seconded the motion. Disposition: Motion carried.**

**M. Alfree, 203 Harmony Street**

Replace cedar siding in rear alley in kind w/cedar siding.

Discussion: Applicant said that rotting is an issue because of the lack of sun. Replacement siding will be in kind.

**Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted. Ms. Fiske seconded the motion.**

**Disposition: Motion approved.**

**J. Vincent, 200 Delaware Street**

Replace existing storm windows on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor front.

**Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted with the proviso that the litany be followed meaning the windows match the trim color and meeting rails align with the meeting rails of the prime window. Mr. Hentkowski seconded the motion.**

**Disposition: Motion carried.**

**J. Ashby, 154 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

A/C condenser placement approval (in same location).

**Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted. Ms. Fiske seconded the motion.**

**Disposition: Motion carried.**

**EMERGENCY APPLICATIONS**

**D. Baldini, 419 South Street**

A/C condenser placement approval.

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

**Action: The motion was approved.**

**R. Heath, 124 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Martin, 158 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

Flash cedar shakes against brick wall using copper flashing.

Discussion: Work has been done.

**Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted. Ms. Fiske seconded.**

**Disposition: Motion was approved.**

Emergency Applications (Contd.)

**A. Shue, 17 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street**

Replace 3<sup>rd</sup> floor front windows. Replace with 2 over 2 Jeldwen true divided light. Windows are rotted and leaking.

**Action: Mr. Heckrotte made a motion to vote on the application as submitted with the requirement that the new windows replace the existing windows exactly in size (all antique trim is maintained) or they use a replacement track system (Marvin tilt pack) and replace the sash. Mr. Hentkowski seconded the motion.**

**Disposition: Motion was approved.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Wayfinding Committee – Linda Ratchford spoke to HAC about guidance for directional signage in and around the City. Design concepts were presented for review and discussed. Existing posts will be used in most cases; wooden posts may be used in some locations. Some older signs may be removed or replaced. Mr. Heckrotte would like to have one authority oversee all signage and street furniture in the City. Groups (State, City Planning Commission, National Park Service, Battery Park Commission and the Trustees of the New Castle Common) are working together to create signage consistency. HAC noted several suggestions for signage: a clean, 18<sup>th</sup> century type face is preferred; no advantage to curved edges on signs; put an arrow beside the “P” on one sign; keep sign size to a minimum; refrain from using plastic materials and use wood. HAC prefers the design of the simpler kiosk.

The next HAC meeting is scheduled for 9/12/13, 5 p.m.

**Adjournment** -- There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Debbie Turner  
Stenographer

*(Stenographer not present at meeting; minutes transcribed from recording.)*