



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

133 William Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

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MINUTES

September 13, 2021

REMOTE

Members Present:

Diana Henry, Chair
Bill King, Vice Chair
Janine da Silva
Anna Surma

Secretary:

Anne Louro, *Preservation Planner*

Member Absent:

James Lopes
Alex Jardin
Jennifer Smith

Call to Order:

D. Henry called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

Roll Call:

A formal roll call was conducted confirming a quorum of the members present as stated above

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the of the August 3, 2021, meeting were approved.

MOTION to take New Business out of order. Moved by B. King and seconded by J. da Silva.

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Public Hearings:

Case #2021.17 - 94 Clark Street (Map 84, Lot 134)

Certificate of Appropriateness: Partial Demolition-Porches

Property owner Kevin Lima was present to discuss his request for the demolition of the front porches. He stated that there was no longer access to the porches, as the doors to the porches had been previously removed and replaced with small windows. He also stated that he believed the porches to be structurally compromised and worried about kids climbing on the porches.

J. Da Silva noted that no engineer's report had been submitted relative to the porch integrity and that the claim of children climbing on porches was not a credible claim considering that most residences have porches.

B. King questioned the unusually small windows, and in response, Mr. Lima stated that they would remain if the porches were demolished.

MOTION to open the public hearing. Moved by J. da Silva and seconded by B. King.

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the petition, nor in opposition to the petition.

MOTION to close the public hearing. Moved by J. da Silva and seconded by B. King.
Motion carried with a roll call vote.

A. Surma brought attention to the aesthetics of the building and the importance of the porches to the character of the building. She stated that the removal of the porches would leave the building vacant and be a compromise to the building and neighborhood. She made reference to the adjacent “sister building” on Reynold Street which applied vinyl siding as part of its rehabilitation and retained its porches. She encouraged Mr. Lima to do the same.

A. Louro informed members that the demolition review would potentially enact a delay and if the property owner waited for the delay to expire, the removal of the porches would reveal the unusually small windows on the front façade of the building. She encouraged the members to seek a more appropriately sized window as a mitigation measure to the porch demolition.

MOTION to send a recommendation to City Council that the New Bedford Historical Commission has determined that the structure at 94 Clark Street is Historically Significant and a Preferably Preserved structure.
Motion moved by J. da Silva and seconded by B. King.
Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Case #2021.18 – 72 N Water Street (Map 53, lot 68)
Certificate of Appropriateness: Additions to Building

Property owner Howie Mallows presented the application for the installation of a cedar wood pergola and addition to the rear. He explained that the redesign of the pergola was based on a previous meeting with the Commission and a desire to have a three season space. He went on to explain the need for the rear addition to connect the pizza oven area to the main kitchen, as currently staff must exit outside to access the kitchen, The addition will help to facilitate the operations of the business.

A. Surma questioned the roof slope and symmetry of the rear addition, seeking that the south wall be extended to make the addition visually pleasing. Mr. Mallows state that he would have a false wall extended to achieve the requested symmetry.

In response to B. King, Mr. Mallows stated that he would screen the mechanical systems and paint any exposed ductwork.

In response to J. da Silva, Mr. Mallows stated that the pergola would incorporate lights, heaters and possibly see through sides. The pergola sail canvas will be a natural or light color.

MOTION to open the public hearing. Moved by B. King and seconded by J. da Silva.
Motion carried with a roll call vote.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the petition, nor in opposition to the petition.

MOTION to close the public hearing. Moved B. King and seconded by J. da Silva.
Motion carried with a roll call vote.

A. Surma was concerned that the cedar pergola would weather and could be a maintenance issue. She asked Mr. Mallows if he had considered the use of a PVC materials, as many manufacturers produce pre-made pergola parts as well. Members agreed that a white PVC material may be preferred.

B. King commented on the improved plan and A. Louro confirmed that Mr. Mallows was comfortable amending the application to substitute a PVC material for the cedar wood for the pergola. Mr. Mallows agreed to the amended application.

MOTION to approve the amended application to substitute PVC for Cedar wood as the pergola material and with the conditions that the applicant submit a new plan rendering of the addition to Staff for administrative review and approval, and that all exposed ductwork be painted to match the building. Motion moved by B. King and seconded by J. da Silva.
Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Case #2021.19 – NS Rose Alley (Map 53, Lot 194)
Certificate of Appropriateness: New Construction – Trash Screening

Mr. Jason Lanagan was unable to attend the meeting, therefore A. Louro presented the application to the members and Mr. Mallows, who is a partner in the business participated in the discussion. A. Louro provided background information relative to the placement of two dumpsters initially to the rear of the Kruger building and their relocation to the north side of Rose Alley. Mr. Mallows explained their use for several nearby businesses and properties under common ownership. A. Louro recommended that the application be amended to have an 8' cedar fence screen rather than the proposed 6' screen.

MOTION to open the public hearing. Moved by B. King and seconded by J. da Silva.
Motion carried with a roll call vote.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the petition, nor in opposition to the petition.

MOTION to close the public hearing. Moved B. King and seconded by J. da Silva.
Motion carried with a roll call vote.

A. Surma questioned the size of the openings and whether they were large enough to accommodate the dumpster removal. A. Louro stated that she would check with the waste management company.

B. King noted that the waste management company was retrieving the trash at 5:45 AM and sought to have the time moved. Mr. Mallows stated that he would follow up on that matter.

MOTION to approve Case #2021.19 –with the amended height of 8' and the applicant work with Staff to ensure the measurements are adequate.
Motion moved by B. King and seconded by J. da Silva.
Motion carried with a roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION to remove Case#2021.15 from the Table. Moved by J. da Silva and seconded by B. King.
Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Case #2021.15 – 47-49 Union Street (Map53, Lot 196)
Certificate of Appropriateness: Rehabilitation

Mr. Jason Lanagan was unable to attend the meeting, therefore A. Louro presented the application to the members noting that revised plans had been submitted addressing previous concerns. She noted the presence of copper gutters and downspouts, lighting, paint color revisions along with rooftop screening.

MOTION to open the public hearing. Moved by J. da Silva and seconded by B. King.
Motion carried with a roll call vote.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the petition, nor in opposition to the petition.

MOTION to close the public hearing. Moved B. King and seconded by J. da Silva.

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Members discussed the revised paint color, noting that they preferred the previous Indigo Blue over the newly proposed grey. They were neutral on the proposed Robin Egg blue color for the trim. A. Surma requested that the rooftop screening be applied on all sides.

MOTION to approve Case #2021.15 –with the condition that the rooftop screening be installed on all four sides.

Motion moved by B. King and seconded by J. da Silva.

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was moved by B. King and seconded by J. da Silva. The motion carried with a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING Monday, October 4, 2021

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Louro

Secretary to the Historical Commission