



New Bedford Historical Commission

June 5, 2017 – 6:01 PM – **Minutes**

City Hall, 133 William Street, Ashley Room

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Members Present:

Diana Henry, Chair
Bill King, Vice Chair
Janine da Silva
James Lopes

Secretary and City Planning Staff:

Anne Louro, *Preservation Planner*

Members Absent:

Bill Barr

Call to Order:

D. Henry called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

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 May 1, 2017 public meeting were approved.

Public Hearing:

CASE #2017.09

15 Hamilton Street (Map 53 Lot 177C)

Certificate of Appropriateness: Installation of Roof Deck

Kreg Espinola, applicant and owner of Unit 3 at 15 Hamilton Street, presented the application for the installation a roof deck. He explained that there were no operable windows in the upper unit, only skylights due to the ceiling height and sloped roof. He noted that the current skylights on the south facing side of the roof are leaking and rather than replacing them, he considered the installation of a roof deck to offer better light and ventilation into the unit. He noted that he hired studio2design to draft the plans for the deck.

The Chair asked if members had any questions for the applicant. J. da Silva acknowledged the thoroughness of the architectural plans, with agreement from the other members. A. Louro asked if the applicant could specify the paint color for the roof deck walls, as they were not noted in the application or on the submitted plan. Members briefly discussed the use of a dark versus light color, while acknowledging the walls may not be visible from the public way, but wishing to select a color in case the walls were visible. There was concensus that a lighter color would reflect light into the building, and should match the building trim.

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

Motion carried.

Terry and Eleanor Lewis of 27 Centre Street were present and spoke in favor of the project. The Lewis' live across the street, and due to the height of their building, they would overlook the proposed roof deck. They asked if the proposed deck would have a raised roof, similar to the newly constructed roof deck at 56-62 N Water Street. A. Louro stated that due to the roof slope, this deck did not require altering the roof line. They stated their pleasure with the proposed plan, but had concerns that the applicant would seek to have a nearby street tree removed. Mr. Espinola stated that he absolutely had no intent to request the tree removal.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in opposition to the petition.

MOTION to close the public hearing. Moved by J. Lopes, and seconded by J. da Silva.

Motion carried.

There was brief discussion amongst members regarding the paint color choice for the roof deck wall with A. Louro noting that if the applicant and his architect choose to change the paint color "in the field", an amendment to the Certificate could take place.

MOTION to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Case #2017.09 at 15 Hamilton Street for the installation of a roof deck, with the condition that the deck walls be painted to match the current building trim.

Moved by J. da Silva and seconded by B. King.

Motion passed 4 - 0.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

Other:

A. Louro briefly explained the communication from MHC regarding the determination of "no adverse effect" for the Candleworks Building. She noted that Bristol County Savings Bank and the Historical Commission provided supplemental material to MHC in their review of the Preservation Restriction at that property, and recently received the above mentioned determination, allowing the project to move forward.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was moved by J. da Silva and seconded by B. King. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

NEXT MEETING Monday, July 10, 2017

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Louro

Secretary to the Historical Commission

Preservation Planner

Approved: 07.10.17