

**TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Minutes of July 16, 2012

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on
Monday, July 16, 2012
in the Greenwood Room at 6:30 PM
at the North Smithfield Public Library, 20 Main Street, Slatersville, RI

Call to order: 6:34 pm

Members Present: Louise Belisle, Gwen Cunningham, Jeffrey Harris, Linda Frye, Elizabeth Martin

Members Absent: Jeffrey Fontaine

Guests Present: Alan R. & Linda Y. Brodd

Materials Distributed: Agenda, Minutes, Preservation Brief #14, Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness (231, 199 & 120 Great Road).

Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2012 Meeting

Approval for the minutes from the June 18, 2012 meeting was unanimous.

Applications

- A. **Certificate of Appropriateness:** 231 Great Road, Plat 6 Lot 38, Union Village Historic District.

Owner: Alan R. & Linda Y. Brodd (*in attendance*)

The Commission reviewed the application, as submitted. The scope of work proposed consists of remodeling the kitchen which is located on the east side of the house, which includes replacing and moving (approximately one foot to the west) the south facing (toward Great Road) back entry door with a 36x80 Reliabilt Fiberglass Entry Door/ Half-lite/ clear glass with two vertical recessed panels; removing the two east facing, two-over-one, double-hung units in the kitchen space and installing (approximately in-between where the two existing units are being removed) a new Andersen "Silver Line, 36wx30h single-lite, double casement unit; replacing the fixed single-lite unit under the porch at the southernmost end of the east side with a new 36wx24h single-lite, double casement unit; removing the existing two-over-one, double-hung unit on the north elevation (opposite side of Great Road) under the porch and replacing with a new one-over-one, double-hung unit; and removing the smaller one-over-one, double-hung unit to the west of the previous mentioned window and installing approximately one foot to the west a new one-over-one, double-hung unit to match the existing unit size. The chimney is also being rebuilt above the roof line with a 6"-8" crown wash and chimney cap.

The Commission made the following Resolution:

1. It was determined that the Alteration/ Remodeling/ Repair specified above is recommended for further architectural study, but is essentially a reasonable change, and therefore has been deemed appropriate and congruous. Approval for the application, as submitted, for a Certificate of Appropriateness was granted.

Motion to Approve: Daniel Couture
Seconded: Elizabeth Martin
All in favor
Opposed: None

2. A written Resolution (#07162012-A) and a Certificate of Appropriateness will be forwarded to the applicant and submitted for record to the Office of the Building Inspector. The applicant has been advised to submit an application for review by the Commission should any other exterior changes requiring a building permit arise.

B. Certificate of Appropriateness: 199 Great Road, Plat 6 Lot 40, Union Village Historic District.

Owner: Walter Lafleur & George Oliveria

The Commission reviewed the application, as submitted. The work proposed consists of stripping the existing slate shingle roofing materials on the house, and as may be required, repairing any damage to the roof structure and sheathing; installing ice and water shield, new underlayment, new drip edging, necessary flashings where needed, and new asphalt roof shingles. The new asphalt shingles are a GAF "Timberline Lifetime High Definition" shingle style of the color 'Williamsburg Slate,' and a sample was provided.

The Commission made the following Resolution:

1. Upon preliminary study and investigation of 219 Great Road, it was disclosed that certain established procedures were circumvented, not only with the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of North Smithfield for acquiring a building permit, but also with the rules and regulations of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission in applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness; and
2. Based upon the actions above, the Commission has moved to admonish and subsequently press for stringent monitoring for failure to comply with the Town of North Smithfield Zoning Ordinances; and
3. It was determined that the Alteration/ Remodeling/ Repair specified above is for all intensive purposes a decision based more on economics than its intrinsic aesthetic and architectural value, and has been reasoned as appropriate and congruous. Approval for the application, as submitted, for a Certificate of Appropriateness was granted.

Motion to Approve: Daniel Couture
Seconded: Gwen Cunningham
All in favor
Opposed: None

4. A written Resolution (#07162012-B) and a Certificate of Appropriateness will be forwarded to the applicant and submitted for record to the Office of the Building Inspector. The applicant has been advised to submit an application for review by the Commission should any other exterior changes requiring a building permit arise.

C. **Certificate of Appropriateness:** 120 Great Road, Plat 9 Lot 26, Union Village Historic District.

Owner: Brian K. Baillargeon

The Commission reviewed the application, as submitted. The scope of work proposed consists of performing in-kind repairs to many areas of the house, most notably replacing and/or repairing window frames to match existing, repairing damaged/ rotting soffit in-kind, and replacing and/or repairing existing shingles/ siding to match existing.

The Commission made the following Resolution:

1. It was determined that the Alteration/ Remodeling/ Repair specified above is mainly repair, and subsequently as required, in-kind replacement of the existing features and materials and is in compliance with the central tenets of restoration for an historic property, and therefore is appropriate and congruous. Approval for the application, as submitted, for a Certificate of Appropriateness was granted.

Motion to Approve: Daniel Couture
Seconded: Elizabeth Martin
All in favor
Opposed: None

2. A written Resolution (#07162012-C) and a Certificate of Appropriateness will be forwarded to the applicant and submitted for record to the Office of the Building Inspector. The applicant has been advised to submit an application for review by the Commission should any other exterior changes requiring a building permit arise.

Communications

- A. Jeff H. distributed Preservation Brief (14): New Exterior Additions to Historic Buildings: Preservation Concerns, by Anne E. Grimmer and Kay D. Weeks, for the U.S. Department of the Interior.
- B. Jeff H. gave notice to the members in attendance as well as emailed all members the invitation for the Rhode Island "Annual Open Government Summit" that will take place on Friday, July 27, 2012 from 9:00am to 12:30pm at the Roger Williams University Law School in Bristol, RI.
- C. Jeff H. advised the members on an amendment to the NS Town Charter, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2-20.2, entitled "Length of Service" that, to paraphrase: "does not limit the terms of length of service of any board or commission, excepting only the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Review of which shall be 10 consecutive years."

Old Business

- A. Discussion and vote for approval on 219 Great Road, Plat 6 Lot 119:
 1. Official motion and roll call vote for Certificate of Appropriateness.
Motion to Approve: Daniel Couture
Seconded: Elizabeth Martin
All in favor
Opposed: None
 2. Evaluation of significance as 'Contributing' to the Union Village Historic District.

Motion to Approve: Elizabeth Martin
Seconded: Daniel Couture
All in favor
Opposed: None

New Business

- A. Subcommittee Report: Union Village Historic District Research Committee
 - 1. Research continues; nothing to report at this time.
- B. A motion was made and approved by all in attendance to devote the next meeting, August 20, 2012 as a work session to review the logistics and expedite the informational letter to all property owners within the Union Village Historic District; this will be contingent on the Agenda of the next meeting having no applications for review.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 8:37 p.m.

Motion: Linda Frye
Seconded: Louise Belisle
All in favor
Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday, August 20, 2012