

Town of North Smithfield  
**Historic District Commission**

Minutes of October 19, 2015

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on

Monday, October 19, 2015

at 6:30 PM

Heritage Hall, 101 Greene St. Street, Slatersville, RI

**Call to order:** 6:37

**Members Present:** Daniel Couture, Christian de Rezendes, Jeffrey Harris,  
Jeffrey Fontaine, Elizabeth Martin, Eric Piette, Keith Nadeau

**Members Absent:** None

**Materials Distributed:** None

**Applications**

Continuation of C of A review on 16 School Street, Slatersville

Certificate of Appropriateness: 16 School Street, Slatersville

Historic District.(John Slater House)

Owners: Donald and Alexandria Murray

Owners, Donald and Alexandria Murray, are participating through cell phone from the United Kingdom. James Cadorette, owner's representative and contractor, is present.. Elizabeth Dunn, owner's family member and current occupant of the residence is present.

Commission continues its review of the C of A focusing on the different categories of work proposed which as of the previous meeting held on October 5, 2015 were not yet finalized due to pending receipt of additional information or clarification required in order for the Commission to make a determination. Categories are as follows: Columns , railings and balusters, and windows. (Determination on porch decking and trim board was finalized on October 5, 2015.)

1. Three columns

The existing wood columns, cap and base may be replaced pending further investigation. Upon a further investigation and a subsequent site visit on October 9, 2015, the existing columns appeared to be splitting along the original seams and containing evidence of moisture penetration causing varying degrees of rot and decay, and were deemed to have surpassed their useful life. The Commission approved the Turncraft 'Poly-Classic FRP column with round tapered shaft' (smooth, no flutes) with cap and base of the 'Tuscan Order' style. The new columns and trim match the old in design, color (proposal is to paint to match existing trim color), texture, and other visual qualities, excepting in material choice.

Motion: Jeff Harris  
Seconded: Dan Couture  
Voted Yes: All  
Opposed: None

## 2. Three sections of railings and balusters

The top and bottom rail and balusters for the existing porch railing are seemingly previous and inappropriate replacement, and therefore the Commission has advised that in conjunction with their removal, a new top and bottom rail and balusters that is more analogous to the style and age of the house, as well as to its neighboring houses of similar style and age in the Slatersville Historic District, should be deemed appropriate at this time. The Commission has reconsidered its position on the proposed Fiberon 'Symmetry' capped composite railing system due in part to cost considerations, hence has approved the proposed Fiberon 'Symmetry' capped composite railing system, as a suitable replacement that has characteristics appropriate in design, color (proposal is to paint to match existing trim color), texture, and other visual qualities, excepting in the choice of material.

Motion: Jeff Harris  
Seconded: Dan Couture  
Voted Yes: All  
Opposed: None

## 3. 18 Windows

The Commission also approved the replacement of 18 wood window sashes to be replaced into the existing wood window frames with a Harvey vinyl replacement window system, double-hung with 6-over-6 sash lites. Proposal is for between the glass muntins with exterior 'Colonial' style profile muntins to match existing. Although the material of the replacement window is not a true in-kind material choice, the design, color and muntin layout attempts to remain true to the overall existing design.

Motion: Jeff Harris  
Seconded: Jeff Fontaine  
Voted Yes: All  
Opposed: None

It was determined that the Alteration/Remodeling/ Repairs with the changes and contingencies as declared by the Commission would be appropriate and congruous, and upon motions as submitted for each work item, and any addendums, a final approval for the application is granted for a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted, and attached with the following conditions:

1. The contingencies and recommendations as stated above at a special meeting on October 5, 2015, and further documented via a subsequent special meeting on October 19, 2015 by the Commission, are adhered to within this Certificate of Appropriateness to be issued in conjunction with this Resolution;
2. Any changes to the project are to be submitted to the Commission for review.

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was called to a close at 7:37

Motion: Christian de Rezendes

Seconded: Keith Nadeau

All in favor All

Opposed: None

Next scheduled meeting: October 26, 2015