

## Somerville Historic Preservation Commission

### MINUTES

**Tuesday, June 28, 2005**  
City Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Dick Bauer, Michael Payne, O. Susan Fontano\*, Susan Rabinowitz\*

Members Absent: John Bunzick, David Guss, Paul Turcotte, Andrew Upton, Jim Wright, Moss Keane\*, Derick Snare\*, Barbara Mangum\*, Lynn Laur\*, Christine Young\*

\*Alternates,

Staff Present: Kristi Chase, J. Brandon Wilson

Others Present: DJ Chagnon, Brad Sterns, Cheryl Vanderbilt, Niels LaWhite, Patricia Matthews, Julia Smith, Kevin Douglas, Peter Miller.

#### **A. Deliberation of HPC Cases**

##### **6:40 p.m. HPC 05.21 – 438 Broadway**

Applicants: Niels LaWhite & Patricia Matthews, Owners

The Applicants seek a **Certificate of Appropriateness (C/A)** and a **Certificate of Non-Applicability (C.NA)** for the following:

1. Install new fence similar to one in historic photo with an added gate; **DB motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness, MP seconded the motion, vote taken (4-0) DB, MP, SF, SR.**
2. Install fence along rear of property; **DB motion to grant a Certificate of Non-Applicability, MP seconded the motion, vote taken (4-0) DB, MP, SF, SR** and
3. Cut a driveway into side of property from Broadway. **DB motion to continue hearing for further information, MP seconded the motion, vote taken (4-0) DB, MP, SF, SR.**

##### **7:40 p.m. 245 Beacon Street – former Durrell School**

Applicants: Kevin Douglas & Peter Miller, Owner; Julia Smith, Architect

Presentation and preliminary review of plans by Julia Smith:

1. Add dormers to all four sides of roof with synthetic slate to match existing;
2. Remove centrally located chimney;

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3. Remove handicapped ramp;
4. Replace existing windows and doors;
5. Remodel front entry and add new stairs;
6. Install egress doors to basement; and
7. Add landscaping and fencing.

### **8:30 p.m. HPC #05.23 – 6 Westwood Road**

Applicant: Lorrie Cirome, Owner

The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following:

1. Replace 17 existing windows and storms with custom windows. **DB motion to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness because it does not meet HPC guidelines for windows, and would be “incongruous to the historic aspects or the architectural characteristics of the surroundings and of the historic district.” (Historic Districts Ordinance section 6a); MP seconded the motion, vote taken (3-1) DB, MP, SF. SR dissented.**

### **Demolition Review**

#### **9:15 p.m. HPC 05.27 Demo – 66 Walnut Street Garage**

6/15/05

Owner: Peter Boyages

1. Determination of Significance: Mansard roofed garage that matches the main building. Although not a common type of carriage house, the architectural integrity of the building has been lost and severely compromised and does not meet the qualifications of “significance”. **DB motion to declare the building not “significant”, MP seconded the motion, vote taken (4-0) DB, MP, SF, SR.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.**

### **Other Business**

**Please note the remaining dates are scheduled for SHPC meetings in 2005:**

July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 13, 2005.