

Arlington Historical Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of  
Tuesday, 1 September 2020  
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:30pm

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Dianne Schaefer, Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, Michael Gervais and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of protocols for remote meetings and hearings.
3. Review of minutes: Minutes reviewed from August 4, 2020 meeting and approved with edits.
4. Communications Received:
  - a. Thomas Liu from 15 Whittemore Street requesting a hearing for siding work.
  - b. Message from owner of 8 Ravine Street regarding the wording for House Marker.
  - c. Request to be placed on the Agenda for Presentation for Town Yard plans.
  - d. Sign off request for 25 Brunswick Road. Not on the Inventory. Sign off sent to the Building Department.
  - e. David Carr from 4-6 Newman Way requesting a hearing for dormer addition plans.
  - f. Leo Lopez called regarding 38 Teel Street renovation plans.
  - g. Solar Installation for 45 Irving Street
  - h. Historic Sign marker for 120 Jason Street has been lost in the mail. Looking into tracking the package and/or having the sign remade.
  - i. Communication with the Robbins Library regarding the stonework and the tints for the replacement of the manufactured stone.
  - j.
5. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations
  - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Schaefer)- Nothing to report.
  - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Zoom meetings are being held. The lecture series has been postponed indefinitely.
  - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Nothing to report.
  - d. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- Old Burying Ground work is going forward. (removal of limbs, ground sensing, repair of tombs and walls) Commissioner Stange would like to document the work in progress. Chair, JoAnn Robinson will put him in touch with George Parsons. Author of a book regarding slaves in Arlington would like to commemorate this if remains are found.
  - e. Arlington Historic Resources Working Group (Schaefer, Robinson) –No report.

Historical Commission FY 2021 Budget- Nothing to report.

6. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
  - a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
  - b. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay
  - c. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay

- d. 32 Kensington Road 5/18 – Nothing to report.
- e. 21 Teel Street 12/18 – Nothing to report.
- f. 44 Kensington Road 5/19 Stange- Nothing to report.
- g. 151 Warren Street 11/19 Stange- Nothing to report.
- h. 71 Park Avenue 6/20 Stange- Nothing to report.
- i. 20 Bartlett Avenue 6/20 Schaefer- Nothing to report.
- j. 18 Churchill Avenue 6/20 Robinson/Stange- Nothing to report.
- k. 7 Village Lane 8/20 Robinson/Gervais- Window and front door type and specifications were discussed with owner, and agreed to wait on “picture window installation. Home owner will propose a new design for the front entrance and the old garage entrance area.

7. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings)- No report.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson –No report
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – No report.
- d. Historic House Markers: House Marker application was reviewed for 8 Ravine Street in the Jason/Gray Historic District. From the evidence received the sign can be approved. Commissioner Gervais made a motion to approve the House Marker for 8 Ravine Street based on the evidence that we have. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Wording on the sign to be determined.
- e. Town Hall: No report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – No report.

8. Discussion and Hearings:

**7:50pm Whittemore Park Discussion** with Ali Carter, Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of Arlington and Naomi Cottrell.

The presentation to the Commission included three different options for how to express the train rails through the park. The Commission unanimously approved the option that has stainless steel rails that look like real rails. The work on the park will proceed as presented at previous meeting, now including the stainless steel rails. Chair Robinson asked that the presenters come back before the Historical Commission when they start the interpretation part of the project.

**8:00pm Formal Hearing** for 45 Bartlett Avenue with Scott Palladino

Plans are to remove siding on two sides of the house and replace like for like with primed white cedar shingle shakes.

Additional work planned:

Replace Glazing on two stain glassed windows, paint trim of these windows and add storm windows.

Replace nosing on stairs with Mahogany to match existing.

New door handle and lock set to be used.

Gutters require caulking.

Replace nine storm wooden windows with aluminum storm windows.

Commissioner Gervais moved to approve the plans for 45 Bartlett Avenue.

Commissioner Stange seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Monitor for the project will be Commissioner Gervais.

**8:20pm Formal Hearing** for 3 Robin Hood Road with Contractor, Cadon Pricejones and Homeowners, Michelle and Michael Nathan.

Plans:

Front door overhead roof to install a copper drop edge so that water does not cling to the topmost fascia board and to install kick out flashing where drip edge meets the house.

Garage work:

Remove clapboards

Install sheathing.

Install new clapboards: using pre-primed western red cedar clapboards with a six inch exposure.

Install corner boards with 5 ½ “ exposure on all four corners.

Motion made by Commissioner Gervais to approve the plans as presented on the front porch and the garage. Consult with the monitor to review the plans to add corner boards to the garage with relation to those on the house.

A roll call vote was taken and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Monitor will be Michael Gervais.

**8:40pm Formal Hearing** for 476 Massachusetts Avenue.

The proponent did not appear for the hearing.

**8:50pm Formal Sign Hearing** for 478 Massachusetts Avenue (Center Square Realty) with Ed Batten from Batten Bros. Signs.

The signs will read Center Square in white with a black painted panel on the front and sides of this corner building with Halo lit illuminated letters and with dimensions to match the existing sign dimensions.

Motion was made to approve the sign as proposed. An amendment to the motion was made that the Commission has not approved the painted columns presented.

A roll call vote was made and all Commissioners approved the motion.

Monitor: JoAnn Robinson

**9:00pm Formal Hearing** for 38 Teel Street with Nancy Dingman, architect with Dingman Allison Architects, Leo Lopez, Contractor and Homeowners Caitlin Casey and Dan Peterson.

Pictures from the Inventory form and current pictures of the property with additions were shared.

Plans:

Remove carport, in its place build an addition.

Add one window

Remove porch and door and add new window on side of house

Extend the front porch to wrap around the left-hand side of the house. This extension is partially in the front setback and will require a zoning variance. Asking if this is an appropriate change to make to the house. Following a decision to approve the Commission could send a letter of support to the Zoning Board.

Change windows to one over one. Plan to use Anderson Woodwright windows.

Change trim on the windows and use Azac with 4 ½ inch casings.

Use Hardieplank for clapboards and shingles.

Remove doors that are in poor condition, and keep doors that are in good condition

Recommendations and requests from the Commission:

Install 2 over 2 windows.

Look at the positioning of windows to be more uniform.

Look at older photographs of the house for historic details.

Share materials to be used for shingles, trim around the windows, and muntins.

Commissioner Stange made a motion to approve the proposal for 38 Teel Street only to the extent of demolishing the existing carport and moving ahead on the framing of the two story addition with the understanding that the Historical Commission monitor will work closely with the architect and builder to discuss exterior details having to do with the siding, windows, frames, and porch treatment. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Meister. An amendment to the motion was added that the new windows on the addition will match the proportions of the original windows on the house. Motion with amendment was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Meister. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

JoAnn Robinson -abstained

All other Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Monitors: JoAnn Robinson and Dianne Schaefer in consultation with Michael Gervais.

The formal hearing will continue on October 6, 2020.

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 9:47pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be October 6, 2020.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.