May 17, 2018
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Historic District Commission and the Historical Commission, Petersham Memorial Library, 23 Common St.

Call to Order: 7:05 PM, Chairperson Nancy Allen

Commission members present: Nancy Allen, Claudette Bishop, Bob Clark, Chris Mandel, Melissa Martinez

Commission members absent: Lynn Shaw, Jeremy Gabrenas

Others present: Stephen Kieras

Recorder: Claudette Bishop

Agenda Items

Review of Meeting Minutes from April 19, 2018:

The minutes were read. Chris Mandel moved and Bob Clark seconded to accept the minutes as read, which was unanimously approved.

Project Applications/Proposals:

37 North Main St.

Steve Kieras attended the meeting to discuss and put forward an application for replacing wood windows on the front of the garage at 37 North Main St; the front windows are visible from the public way. HDC members previously conducted a site visit on May 9, 2018, to view the garage. Because Steve and the owner would like to take advantage of the lowest-priced design option for the replacement windows, HDC members agreed that a hearing would be needed to discuss the project. The hearing was scheduled for June 6, 2018, at 7 PM.

30 South Main St.

Exterior alterations are underway at 30 South Main St., specifically replacement of columns (including the capitals and bases) on the front and side porches, both of which are visible from the public way. No application for a certificate of appropriateness/non-applicability has been submitted by the property owner, Tim Leslie of Blastech, in Phillipston. Nancy Allen contacted the owner about the potential need for an application and the desire to conduct a site visit (the site visit was subsequently scheduled for May 21, 2018).

22 South Main St.

Bob Clark received an informal drawing from contractor Doug Cameron of proposed repair/replacement of the front columns at 22 South Main St. Chris Mandel provided a few historic photos of the house, which show that many changes have been made to the house over the years. Committee members discussed the proposed redesign, which would change the appearance of the columns, and agreed an application for a certificate of appropriateness would likely be needed. However, because the drawing was preliminary, Bob Clark agreed to convey to Doug the need for further information and the potential need for an application and/or hearing.

Business Permits:
None

Correspondence:
The HDC sent a letter of support to the Congregational Church to be used in their grant application to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, as discussed at the April HDC meeting with Mark Van Scoy of the church (see attached).

Programs and Initiatives:
Historic District Properties book – Next meeting to discuss the project to be scheduled.

Next Meeting Scheduled:
Regular Meeting: June 21, 2018

Adjourned: **8:17 PM**
Moved: Chris Mandel; Seconded: Nancy Allen; Approved: unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Claudette Bishop, Clerk

Approved by:

Minutes approved by the HDC-HC at the June 2018 meeting.