

The City of Auburn
Historic Resources Review Board
c/o Office of Planning and Economic Development
Memorial City Hall - 24 South Street
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Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2013

7:00pm

Present: Michael Deming, Paul McDonald, Ed Onori, Jim Hutchinson, Betty Lewis, Richard Stankus

Absent: David Thurston

Staff Present: Christina Selvek

Meeting opened by Chair, Michael Deming.

Motion to approve minutes of February 12, 2013 meeting made by Jim Hutchinson, seconded by Paul McDonald. All members vote approval. Motion carried.

Certificates of Appropriateness

1. Mr. Gerry Sholte- 29 Grover Street

Application for general exterior renovation/ repair to remove the existing front porch roof, repair or replace deteriorated underlayment and install new Landmark 30-year architectural asphalt shingles. Also proposed is repair in-kind of one rotted porch column.

Christina Selvek introduces application. Board members were supplied photos in packet and at meeting. There is currently a water problem on the roof porch. The applicant would like to use 30 year architectural asphalt shingles to replace/repair porch roof damage.

Board members discuss the porch, roof, and the severity of damage on one (1) porch column. Board members advise applicant to explore possible ice issues with porch.

Jim Hutchinson suggests using cedar wood for the construction of the new post.

Michael Deming recommends David Aicher, a local carpenter who makes posts. He is located on the corner of Washington Street and Seymour Street in Auburn.

Christina Selvek will work with the applicant regarding the water problem, possible ice issue on the porch roof, and the board's recommendation of the porch post.

Motion to accept application for 29 Grover Street made by Ed Onori, seconded by Paul McDonald. All members vote approval. Motion carried.

2. Mr. John L. Wilson- 9 Elizabeth Street

Application for new construction for a 24' x 31' two car garage in the location of the former garage at the rear of the property. Garage will consist of 4" wood clapboard siding, vinyl windows, metal garage doors and GAF Lifetime Warranty Timberline Architectural Asphalt Shingles.

Applicant John Wilson and Barbara Bailey are present to answer any questions regarding the application.

Christina Selvek- presents application to board members. Applicant would like to replace previously existing garage. Applicant provided an aerial image of previous garage structure and a survey map of the footprint. The foot print will be expanded from 24' to 31'. Roofing will be black asphalt and will match house. The 4" wood clapboard siding will be painted to match the house.

Jim Hutchinson questions the garage doors and if there are windows on the doors

John Wilson- The garage doors are metal overhead doors. No windows. There will be windows all the way around the garage. There will be two (2) windows on each side and two (2) on the rear of the structure. There will be six (6) windows total. Windows will be double hung windows.

There was discussion of the roof pitch. Codes required 6/12 pitch for the roof. Applicant felt that was reasonable.

Motion to accept application for 9 Elizabeth Street made by Jim Hutchinson, seconded by Paul McDonald. All members vote approval. Motion carried.

Other Matters

Jim Hutchinson brought up concerns with the garage at 7 Elizabeth Street. It is a safety issue for the neighborhood.

Question was regarding if the property owner is responsible for asbestos and lead testing before demolition?

Christina will follow up with Codes on 7 Elizabeth Street.

Board members believe that 88 Hamilton Street is vacant and condemned. Christina Selvek will follow up.

Wardens house, 67 South Street, recently sold to a couple that have future plans for the home to be a bed and breakfast.

102 South Street, formerly known as "The Rose", recently sold.

Richard Stankus-reports that the water line will be repaired on South Street this summer.

Christina Selvek- May is National Preservation Month and is a time to remind our community how important our historic housing stock and community is. This year's theme is: See! Save! Celebrate!

Richard Stankus- The Auburn Historic District is unique. We should appreciate the people who purchase a single family home in the Historic District and keep it a single family home as well as people who purchase commercial or multifamily properties within the Historic District and return them to single family homes.

Richard Stankus recommended Aaron Lesch-Vonrandall of 107 South Street and Justin Viggiano of 131 South Street.

The board would also like to recommend Logan Loft Apartments and Brister Mills as Historic commercial properties that have impacted neighborhoods.

Christina Selvek will work with property owners and the City Council presentation will be the 2nd week of May, May 9th.

Board members asked if they could honor George for preserving items discarded from historical homes on South Street next year for National Preservation Month.

Richard Stankus- asked if it is appropriate for the Historic Resources Review Board to make any recommendations regarding the Seward House and the sale of the painting or alternatives to removing the painting.

Motion to adjourn made by Richard Stankus and seconded by Jim Hutchinson. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Next meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, May 14, 2013** at 7:00 P.M. at Memorial City Hall- Council Caucus room.