

POTTSTOWN HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

June 27, 2017

Minutes

Present: Andrew Monastra, Laura Justiniano, Amber Buchanan, Dick Frantz, Bill Sharon, Patricia Derr

Absent: Julie Marburger

I. Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by A. Monastra.

II. The minutes from the May meeting were approved as written.

III. **61 N. Franklin**; Frank Cebular, representing the Cluster of Religious Communities, present. Application is divided into three separate motions for clarity.

1. Motion made and seconded by A. Buchanan and L. Justiniano:

Applicant is permitted to install a Keter Fusion 7.5' x 7.5' wood storage shed in mahogany at rear of property. Shed will not be visible from the street. **Motion carried, with Frantz abstaining.**

2. Motion made and seconded by A. Monastra and P. Derr

Applicant is allowed to build a handicap ramp on side of property facing 57 N. Franklin as specified in the application. Ramp will be accessible under the existing porch roof and will include architecturally appropriate railings, spindles, and engineered columns. New concrete steps will be constructed at the front of the building to replace existing steps. **Motion carried, with Frantz, abstaining.**

3. Motion made and seconded by P. Derr and A. Buchanan:

Applicant is permitted to create an architectural appropriate dormer with door on the north side of the building to provide a second egress on third floor. The fire escape is to be constructed of two 2x8 wood columns with two 2x12 beams. The stringers will be pressurized wood. The stair treads will be a suitable composite material. Stairs will be constructed in a manner that is preserves the historic character of the building. **Motion carried, with Frantz abstaining.**

IV. 246 Chestnut. Owner not present.

Application to replace windows and repair roof was tabled. At May meeting, HARB requested that owner provide more detailed pictures of the materials to be used in the intended repairs. Application will be denied if owner does not provide requested information at the July meeting.

V. **18 N. Charlotte St.** , Nicole Matz, representing the owner, present.

Motion made and seconded by P. Derr and L. Justiniano:

Applicant is permitted to install new business sign, 24" x 36", using existing bracket. Applicant is expected to comply with all requirements of the sign ordinance.

VI. **20 N. Charlotte**, owner, not present.

Application is tabled until July meeting and will be rejected unless owner or his representative appears and provides evidence of how the historic character of the building will be maintained.

VII. **60 N. Hanover St.**, Carolyn Dillon, representing Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ, present

Motion made and seconded by P. Derr and B. Sharon:

Applicant is permitted to install a 6'x8' shed at rear of property off King St. Design of shed is wood with plexiglass windows and a hip roof in a color and design that matches that of the existing church building. **Motion carried.**

VIII. **Administrative Approvals**

Motion made and seconded by A. Monastra and A. Buchanan to ratify administrative approvals.

261 Chestnut St: replace and repair existing 6'high spruce stockade fence in kind.

715 High St., replace in kind porch boards.

Motion carried.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.