

## BRISTOL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

Held: December 4, 2008, at Town Hall, 10 Court Street, Bristol, Rhode Island

Present: Chairman Ed Cifune; Vice-Chairman Oryann Lima; Members Stephan Brigidi, Reggie McCarthy, Melanie Barker Wolfe, Anthony Margiotta, John Allen, Alternate Member Eric Hertfelder

Chairman Cifune brought the meeting to order at 6:58PM.

The minutes of the October 2, 2008, meeting were approved as presented. (Brigidi/Allen 6-0).  
The minutes of the November 6, 2008, meeting were approved as presented. (Brigidi/Lima 3-0).

**1. 08-112 392 Thames St., Cynthia Carvara**  
re-roof

Property owner presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibit B. Ratification of emergency approval was given for a re-roof using three tab, "Moire Black" asphalt shingles.

Chairman Cifune invited comments from the public. There were none.

**A motion was made to ratify emergency approval of Application 08-112 as presented in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standard #9 (Lima/Margiotta 6-0).**

**Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standard: 9**

**2. 08-120 33 Central St., Charlotte M. Burnham**  
re-roof

Property owner presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B, C. Ratification of emergency approval was given for a re-roof using Timberline, 30 year, three tab asphalt shingles in a dark color.

Chairman Cifune invited comments from the public. There were none.

**A motion was made to ratify emergency approval of Application 08-120 as presented in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standard #9 (Margiotta/Wolfe 6-0).**

**Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standard: 9**

**3. 08-119 Thames St., Town of Bristol**  
1. restore east wall, 2. restore north, south turrets

The Director of Community Development, Dian Williamson, presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-E. Ms.

Williamson stated that the job had gone out to bid contingent on HDC approval and bids are due on December 17, 2008. Plans include repointing east wall and repair of the south turret. The project has been approved and a grant awarded by the RI Historic Preservation & Heritage Commission. As soon as the bid is awarded the contractor will stabilize the east wall. Work will start in March or April, 2009.

Chairman Cifune invited comments from the public. There were none.

**A motion was made to approve Application 08-119 as presented for repairs to the Bristol Naval Armory in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standards #2, 4, 6, 9 (Brigidi/Margiotta 6-0).**

**Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standards: 2, 4, 6, 9**

**Project Monitor: BHDC**

**4. 08-121 29 Burnside St., Dennis Tavares**

1. replace windows; 2. new front door; 3. repair front railings

Property owner, Dennis Tavares, presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-E. Mr. Tavares applied to replace fourteen windows with new vinyl windows with grilles. The windows to be replaced are metal and Mr. Tavares stated it would be too costly to replace with wood windows. Commission members felt that the plainer the windows were the appearance from the street would be better and suggested they be if one over one configuration. Mr. Tavares is going to put a new window (where one used to be located) on the west side near the drive which will have trim to match existing window trim.

The front railings will be repaired using in-kind material. The handrail finials (brass) will be polished.

Mr. Tavares stated that the front door was drafty, poorly constructed pine and not original. He plans to replace the door with a new transom and keep the existing storm door. Members had concerns about the design of the new door and transom windows and felt the existing door and doorway should be inspected. It was decided to continue hearing on the front door, Mr. Tavares will submit shop drawings showing all measurements and materials for the door by December 23<sup>rd</sup> and application will be reviewed at the January meeting.

Chairman Cifune invited comments from the public. There were none.

**A motion was made to approve Application 08-121 for the replacement of thirteen and installation of one vinyl window with 1/1 panes (no grilles) and the repairs to the front railings as presented. Review of the front door replacement to be heard in January. Decision in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standards #6, 10 (Brigidi/Lima 6-0).**

**Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standards: 6, 10**

**Project Monitor: Ory Lima**

**5. 08-122 341 High St., Almerinda Ribeiro**

1. replace front doors; 2. replace storm door

Property owner, Almerinda Ribeiro, presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibit B. Mrs. Ribeiro had removed and replaced the existing front doors and one storm door without application or approval from the HDC, She stated she was unaware that she needed approval and that the replaced doors had been thrown away. She replaced the front doors with new fiberglass doors. Without a non-interested party to describe the condition of the original doors, the Commission members were unable to justify and approve the replacements. It was decided to contact the installing contractor for his testimony on the replaced doors and continue this hearing to the January meeting.

Chairman Cifune invited comments from the public. There were none.

**A motion was made to continue Application 08-122 to the January 8, 2009, meeting (Lima / Margiotta 6-0).**

**6. 08-123 42 Byfield St., John Barker**

re-roof

Property owner presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A. Mr. Barker plans to re-roof using architectural shingles in charcoal grey. He stated there will be no work on the chimney, gutters or flashing.

Chairman Cifune invited comments from the public. There were none.

**A motion was made to approve Application 08-123 as presented to strip and re-roof using architectural shingles (owner to supply manufacturer's product sheet) in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standard #9 (Allen/Lima 6-0).**

**Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standard: 9**

**Project Monitor: Ory Lima**

**7. 08-124 186 Hope St., William Campbell**

install storm window

Property owner presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-D. Mr. Campbell plans to construct and install a 'winter only' storm for a casement window on the first floor, north side of the house.

Chairman Cifune invited comments from the public. There were none.

**A motion was made to approve Application 08-124 as presented in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standards #9, 10 (Wolfe/Lima 6-0).**

**Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standards: 9, 10**

**Project Monitor: Melanie Wolfe**

**8. 08-125 221 Hope St., Unit 5, R. Bruce Smith**

replace windows

Property owner presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-J. Mr. Smith has a condominium in the Edgewater Condominium building and a water leak to the second floor was identified as coming from his third floor double, south exposure window. His application is to replace with an identical Pella replacement. Chairman Cifune stated that the problem may not be with the window but with the sill and trim or from the flashing at the bump out under the window. It was decided that not enough information was available to tell if the window sash is the problem, and that repairs would be approved in lieu of replacement of the entire window unit.

Chairman Cifune invited comments from the public. There were none.

**A motion was made to approve Application 08-125 for repair of the existing window, sill and exterior trim using in-kind material in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standard #6 (Lima/McCarthy 6-0).**

**Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standard: 6**

**Project Monitor: Ed Cifune**

**9. 08-126 574 Hope St., Bristol Warren Regional Schools, Andrews School**

sign

School Committee member Marjorie McBride and architect Luis Torrado presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-C. A new sign was erected without HDC approval and Ms. McBride apologized for the application/approval oversight. None of the HDC members felt the sign was appropriate or attractive and thought it was a detriment to the integrity of the buildings. The sign does not reflect design of existing signs and is "a very LARGE sign." Mr. Torrado stated he wanted the sign to be easily visible as it indicated the main entrance for the school's office. Several members felt the sign to the right of the door was sufficient announcement of the main entrance. It was decided to have the sign removed and to review new designs at the January 8, 2008, meeting.

Chairman Cifune invited comments from the public. Ms. McBride stated that unless one was familiar with the school complex it was confusing which door was the main entrance.

**A motion was made to continue Application 08-126 with the understanding that the current sign will be removed and a new design submitted for the next meeting. (Brigidi/Allen 6-0).**

**10. 08-127 26 Burton St., Josephine Lero**

new garage

Property owner, Mrs. Lero, presented with details from Architect, Lombard Pozzi. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-E. Application is to construct a new garage on the property. The design, location, windows and clapboard siding for the north and west walls were felt to be appropriate with a strong recommendation that clapboard or shingle siding be used on all four sides of the building. It was suggested that the garage doors be wood. Windows will be salvaged Colonial Revival double hung sash 12/12 in wood frames.

Chairman Cifune invited comments from the public. There were none.

**A motion was made to approve Application 08-127 as presented with the recommendation that vinyl not be used on the siding and that a final owner decision for door material and design and siding material be submitted to the Commission for approval in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standards #1, 9, 10 (Brigidi/McCarthy 6-0).**

**Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standards: 1, 9, 10**

**Project Monitor: Stephen Brigidi**

**11. 08-128 259 Thames St., Connor Dowd; Synergy Realty, LLC**

signs

Property owner Lloyd Adams presented for his tenants. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-H. This is a formula business. Exterior sign of wood composite material to be hung on building overhang in front of the door will be 10" high by 6' long and have gold letters on a black background. It is the intention of the company to display flyers in bottom two windows. Commission members suggested that flyers be attached to easels located behind windows or only in the bottom twelve panes. However, because this is a formula business an interior layout with any other interior signage must be submitted for approval.

Chairman Cifune invited comments from the public. There were none.

**A motion was made to provisionally approve Application 08-128 as presented for the exterior sign for a period of thirty (30) days with submission of plans for interior layout and signs for final approval in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standard #10 (Lima/Allen 6-0).**

**Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standard: 10**

**Project Monitor: BHDC**

**12. 08-129 411 Thames St., Albert P. Quito**

container shell

Property owner presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-G. Mr. Quito stated he has been ordered by the Town Council to cover the container. A suggestion was made that a canvas cover with a painted mural might be an alternative to submitted exhibits. Mr. Quito will consider this suggestion and return for the January meeting.

Chairman Cifune invited comments from the public. There were none.

**A motion was made to continue Application 08-129 to the January 2009 meeting (Lima/Wolfe 6-0).**

**13. 8:30PM 08-130 82 Church St., Mike Bedard**

replace storm door

Sales Rep. Richard Niedzwiadek presented for the owner. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-E. Application is to replace existing storm door with an Anderson ProVia storm door.

Chairman Cifune invited comments from the public. There were none.

**A motion was made to approve Application 08-130 as presented for the installation of an Anderson ProVia with plain glass storm door in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standard #9 (McCarthy/Lima 6-0).**

**Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standard: 9**

**Project Monitor: Ed Cifune**

**14. 8:35PM 08-071 244 Metacom Ave., Michael, Marie Byrnes**

design update

Property owner Michael Byrnes presented. Owner is seeking approval for installation of seven paneled French doors with a wood interior and aluminum clad exterior for the north side of the house. He stated that they would not be visible from the street, they are to be installed in a newer addition to the building and the cost of all wood doors would be almost double. Commission members had no problems with owner request.

Chairman Cifune invited comments from the public. Lombard Pozzi stated that that side of the building gets a great deal of sun and harsh weather and existing windows are extremely deteriorated.

**A motion was made to approve Application 08-071 as presented for installation of Anderson clad French doors in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standards #9, 10 (Brigidi/McCarthy 6-0).**

**Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standards: 9, 10**

**Project Monitor: BHDC**

**Old Business:** Steve Brigidi mentioned that while the lights on Thames Street look very nice it is jarring to have two different colors in the illumination. The staff assistant was instructed to write to Diane Williamson and Ed Tanner and recommend that they be of uniform color.

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was unanimously passed at 9:50PM (McCarthy/Brigidi 6-0).

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Date Approved: January 8, 2009