

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**25 January 2011**  
**Conference Room, City Hall**

**Members present: R. Burke, N. Goodick, R. Pino, R. D. Porper**

Chairman Porper called the meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock P.M.

The minutes of the meeting of the previous meeting held on 14 December 2010 were approved and accepted.

The first item on the agenda was the application of Rosalie Lentini for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the restoration, restoration and repair of decayed and/or damaged materials on the buildings located at 37-43 Main Street, Map 7 Lot 38. Appearing for the applicant were Rosalie Lentini and Patricia Johnstone, Esq.

The material submitted with the application was further supplemented with more detailed photographs of the façade of the properties and a sample of the proposed material for the reconstruction of a portion of the façade located at sidewalk level.

The sidewalk portion of the building is a brick infill area containing a now boarded up window opening which area is located between two vertical granite supports. The brick sample shown for the replacement material is reclaimed older brick consistent in appearance with the existing brick material. It was indicated all of the currently existing brick would be removed and the entire infill area would be replaced.

The remaining portions of the façades of the buildings consisted of a large plate glass area, another infill section located above the entrance to 43 Main Street, and a painted copper and lead "lintel" spanning the both buildings. The proposal indicated replacing this infill section and stuccoing it to match the existing stucco in the entrance area.

The applicant proposed replacing the now badly in need of repair copper and lead "lintel" with new lead and copper. It was noted that the "lintel" is probably decorative, and since it was to be painted when finished, the Commission suggested that alternative materials might be considered. To that end, it was suggested that further investigation into combining factory formed moldings that would maintain the character of the existing "lintel" once it was painted, and that the applicant consult with an appointed member of the Commission in order to accomplish that result.

The remaining portion of the request dealt with the rear of the building, its dormer, three flat roofed areas, and egress stairs and railings. All of these items were to be replaced or repaired in kind.

At the conclusion of the applicant's presentation, the Chair, noting there was no further discussion, asked for a motion regarding the application. The following motion was made by Mr. Burke and seconded by Mr. Pino.

**That a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued to Rosalie Lentini for the property located at 37-43 Main Street, Map 7 Lot 38 as follows:**

- 1. Replace the façade infill brick-and-boarded-up-window-opening located at sidewalk level with reclaimed older brick to match the abutting existing infill area,**
- 2. Fill the patched wood opening above the door of 43 Main Street and cover the area with stucco to match the existing entry stucco,**
- 3. Replace the existing façade glass with insulated glass to match the existing windows,**
- 4. Replace the existing painted copper and lead façade lintel with composite materials, which are to be painted, to replicate the character of the existing lintel, which replacement lintel is to be designed in conjunction with input from an appointed member of the HDC,**
- 5. Replace the existing roofing materials on the three flat roofed areas with rubber roofing,**
- 6. Repair the rear dormer with materials to match those of the dormer on the Main Street façade of the building.**
- 7. Repair and replace, as necessary, the existing rear fire egress stairs and landings.**

The motion was approved unanimously.

The second item on the agenda was the application of the Universalist-Unitarian Church, Gloucester for the construction of a handicap accessible addition to the existing Church. Appearing for the applicant was Charles Nazarian, chair of the Church's Restoration Committee.

After a presentation and full explanation and review of the documents presented for consideration, the chair asked if there was any further discussion. Since there was no further input, the Chairman asked for a motion regarding the applicant's request. Mr. Pino made the following motion, which was seconded by Mr. Burke:

**That a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued to the Universalist-Unitarian Church, Gloucester for the property located at 10 Church Street, Map15 Lot 69 as follows:**

- 1. That the window currently located on the left hand side of the Middle Street façade of the building be removed, and filled in such a manner as to make it appear as part of the original foundation, and then painted to match the existing foundation color,**
- 2. That the proposed addition, as shown in the plans filed with the application, be set back from the existing Middle Street façade by one (1) foot and that the brick portion of the addition be done in brick to match the existing and also painted to match the existing foundation color,**
- 3. That the window in the proposed addition be insulated glass with applied interior and exterior applied grills with a dark spacer bar placed between them and that the fenestration be in keeping with the other divided light windows in the building.**
- 4. That the "dormer" section of the proposed addition eliminate the half timbered treatment and be redesigned to be more in keeping with the overall character of the building, and that the shingles used on the addition match the currently existing roofing on the building.**

There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

The Chairman indicated that a letter has been received from Mr. Coakley's office regarding the entrance door installed, without the permission of the HDC, on the Dale Avenue façade of the property located at 13 Dale Avenue. The matter is still to be resolved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Burke  
Secretary