

City of Gloucester Historic District Commission

Meeting of 26 July 2016

Members present: P. Shea, N. Goodick, P. Fish, S. Miller, D. Porper. Also present; Lillian Elwell, Darren Collins.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Porper at 7 p.m.

The only item on the agenda was a continuation of hearing on the request for Certificate of Appropriateness for siding on the property at 31 Middle St.

The commission had asked the owner, Lillian Elwell, and her contractor, Darren Collins, to determine what materials were under the present aluminum siding and then to come back with a proposal based on the result.

It was revealed that only asphalt shingles were present under the aluminum siding and the shingles were nailed to the (original?) wood planks that sheathed the house.

The contractor provided prices for alternative siding installed:

\$28,885. for wood clapboards

\$23,218. for hardi-plank (fiber/cement) siding

\$ 8,026. For vinyl; siding

The applicant noted that she could only afford the vinyl siding option.

The commissioners remained concerned that vinyl siding is not appropriate in the Historic District.

The applicant commented that she might settle for painting the present aluminum siding.

MOTION: It was moved (Shea) and seconded (Miller) to continue the hearing, allowing the Commission to research circumstances for a Certificate of Hardship. Unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R. David Porper
Chairman & secretary pro tem