

City of Gloucester Historic District Commission

Meeting of April 24, 2018

Member present: C. Nazarian, C. Gorga, S. Goodick, R. Chandler, K. Pooler, D. Porper.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Porper at 7 p.m. in the City Hall third floor conference room.

The first order of business was a request for Certificate of Appropriateness by Lynn Silva dba Café Bishco, 51 Main St, for a sign.

The sign will be made of aluminum and acrylic. The aluminum plates will be brushed gold with the letters Café Bishco cut into them and it will be illuminated internally. It will project over the sidewalk. Dimensions are 36 inches wide by 12 inches high with the letters being 6 ½ inches tall. A color sketch of the proposed sign was presented for members to see.

After brief discussion, it was moved and seconded to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the sign as described for 51 Main St.

Unanimous approval

The second order of business was a request for Certificate of Appropriateness by the Sawyer Free Library, 2 Dale Ave, for some new signage. Wendy Quinones and Frank Aliberte represented the library.

Wendy noted that the goal of the signage is to raise the profile of the library. They propose two vertical, banner-like signs on the columns at the center entrance. The signs will say "Sawyer Free Library" and will be of aluminum with dimensions of 68 inches high by 34 inches wide. They would also like to add a sign that simply says "Welcome" behind the glass window over the entrance doors. They would also like to add some small (14 inches by 14 inches) handicap signs. Wendy noted that the library is not ADA compliant because of the lack of proper signage. These signs would be along the path to the lower level. Finally, They want a sign that notes that the library has video surveillance cameras for security.

After brief discussion, it was moved and seconded to approve the request for Certificate of Appropriateness for new signage at the Sawyer Free Library as presented.

Unanimously approved

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R. David Porper, Chairman & Secretary pro tem

