

CITY OF GLOUCESTER
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes, Meeting of August 13, 2019

Members present: W, Remsen, S. Goodick, K. Pooler, B. Lambert, P. Fish, C. Gorga, C. Nazarian, D. Porper, chairman. Also present: Rich Kopka, St. John's church

The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 7:05.

1. The first order of business was a request for Certificate of Appropriateness for the Replacement of the front doors of St. John's Episcopal Church, 48 Middle St. Mr. Rich Kopka explained that the present doors are deteriorating, exhibiting both rot and warping. They would like to replace them with doors that will look exactly the same but be made of acetylated wood. This wood is chemically treated to resist rot and moisture. Bill Remsen opined that the doors could probably be restored. After brief discussion, a motion was made (S. Goodick) and seconded (B. Lambert):

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to St. John's Episcopal Church For replacement of front doors using acetylated wood, keeping the exact same design.

Unanimously approved with one abstention. (C. Gorga noted that his wife is on the Vestry of the church and therefore abstained)

2. The second order was a request from the Gloucester Unitarian Universalist Church, 50 Middle St. for a Certificate of Appropriateness for multiple repairs, including reconstruction and restoration of the tower structure. Charles Nazarian detailed the repairs to be done which will include repairing the copper dome, replacing the windows with tempered safety glass, replacing posts and balustrade with composite wood, replacing flashing at base of the tower. A motion was made (S. Goodick) and seconded (W. Remsen) to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to the Gloucester Unitarian Universalist Church for multiple repairs to the tower structure as detailed.

Unanimously approved with one abstention (C. Nazarian represented the church)

ADDENDUM: A later conversation with Mass. Historical revealed an earlier preservation agreement that requires the church to use real wood. Since that is better than what the HDC approved, the chairman has determined no further action is required.

3. Election of Vice chairman and secretary

The chairman noted that a vacancy for vice chair has existed since the resignation of Paul Shea. Charles Nazarian was nominated and unanimously elected. The office of secretary has been vacant for sometime. Barbara Lambert was nominated and unanimously elected.

4. Approval of Minutes of HDC Meeting of June 25, 2019. Unanimously approved

5. HDC Forms

C. Nazarian noted that the forms used by HDC would benefit from an update.

He also suggested that there might be a way to format the abutters list in a way that allows for printing address labels.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R. David Porper
Secretary pro tem