

# CITY OF GLOUCESTER

## Historic District Commission

AUGUST 8, 2017

Members present: S. Goodick, P. Fish, P. Shea, D. Porper, R. Chandler. Also attending: Peter Ryan of Coastal Windows.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Porper at 7:02 p.m.

First order of business was a request for Certificate of Appropriateness for replacement of certain windows at 90 Middle St., the Hardy-Parsons House.

Peter Ryan, contractor, represented the owners, Mr & Mrs. Charles Newman. He is proposing to replace some of the wood windows with a vinyl-clad product. He noted that one window, which is inaccessible would be non-opening. He said the casing trim around the windows would replicate what is there now in either wood or composite material. He opined that the simulated divided lights facing courtyard would not be visible from the street. Steve Goodick observed that the mullions seemed too fat. Pru Fish stressed that the mandate of the HDC is to require replacement with the same style and material. She noted that restoration of the existing wood windows is possible. The applicant opined that this option was too expensive for his client. Steve Goodick requested that a sample of the proposed replacement window be brought to the next meeting. Paul Shea agreed that this was necessary. Several members noted that the house is virtually *on* the street and windows are very visible. Pru Fish reminded the commission that the hardy-Parsons House is one of the most important historic houses in the city.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to continue the hearing until the next meeting on August 22 when a sample could be presented. Unanimously approved

There was a short discussion concerning work at 37 Main St., Lentini property. Apparently when he applied for a building permit, a new worker in the Building Inspector's office, unaware of the necessary HDC approval, gave him the permit. Work still continue on the dormer of this building. It was noted that Mr. Lentini still needs to make application to the HDC at which time the situation can be discussed.

The concrete sidewall of the garage at 48 Pleasant St. remains unadorned. The Bjorlie's sent the chairman an e-mail in which they noted that landscaping would be done in front of the wall and that euonymus bushes were going to be planted in front of it. They admitted it would take a couple of years before the shrubs covered the wall. Commission members continue to feel that the original proposal made in 2015 by their architect, Jonathan Poore, viz. to face the wall with a granite veneer was the best treatment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

R. David Porper, Chairman

Secretary pro tem