

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**14 December 2010**  
**Conference Room, City Hall**

**Members present: P. Shea, R. Pino, R. Chandler, D. Porper**

Meeting called to order by Chairman 7:00 P.M.

1. The first item on the agenda was the application of Robert W. Schick, Jr., regarding 6 Hancock Street, seeking a certificate of appropriateness for the installation of photovoltaic array [black with black frames] to be mounted on the south facing roof. The array would cover most of the south face of the roof, and would provide 96% of the building's electrical needs, according to spokesman for the project, Brendan McMullin. One pipe would run from the array down the side of the building to the basement near the existing drain. The pipe would be painted to match the color of the house section behind it to minimize visibility of the pipe. The array would be mounted flush with the roof and would be offset from the sides and bottom approximately 18 inches.

The representative did not have an exhibit showing the exact layout of the array on the roof, and the Board wanted a commitment that the array would be "centered" on the south face, but away from the side edge and bottom.

The motion by Paul Shea to issue:

**A Certificate of Appropriateness be granted for the photovoltaic array to be installed on the South roof of 6 Hancock Street with the condition that the pipe (inverter feed) be painted to match the house, array and frame to be black and flush with the roof. Further, an exhibit showing the precise layout of the array will be submitted by the owner to R. Chandler for final layout approval.**

Motion seconded by D. Porper.

**Vote: Unanimous in favor.**

2. Second item:

The minutes of the November 9, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

3. Third item:

Paul Shea, acting as Chair, opened the hearing on the Cape Ann Museum at 8:10 P.M. In attendance for the portion of the meeting was P. Shea, R. Pino, N. Goodick, J. Moskal.

John Cunningham, President of the Museum, explained it was looking for final site plan approval of the parking lot and landscaped park to be constructed at 26 Pleasant Street (Assessors Map 14 Lot 55). Two plans were submitted.

1. Grading and Drainage Plan dated September 21, 2010 revised through October 7, 2010 prepared by Gateway Consultants.
2. Landscape and Lighting Plan dated October 13, 2010 prepared by CB/A Landscape Architects LLC.

Appearing to speak on behalf of the Museum were John Cunningham, Esq., John Judd, PE, Clara Batchelor, RLA, and J. J. Bell.

It was explained that the Planning Board had approved the site plan and Engineering had approved the drainage. The impervious surface of the lot having been reduced substantially from the existing condition (a 5,000 square feet approximate reduction).

The plans provide detail of the planting proposed and of the park construction (an elevated room concept).

The Board was concerned with the use of the proposed black asphalt in the parking and driveway area.

Motion by John Moskal as follows:

**To approve the final plans per the two plan sheets submitted with the condition that the asphalt used in the driveway and parking area have brown stone or granite stone chips imbedded into the asphalt to create a more “stone like” appearance and not simply a black surface. Further, that the imbedded stone surface be reasonably maintained**

**Vote to approve the plans was unanimous.**

There being no further matters before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Ralph C. Pino  
Acting Secretary