

CITY OF GLOUCESTER
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes, Meeting of July 24, 2018

Members attending: P. Shea, S. Goodick, K. Pooler, P. Fish, C. Gorga, D. Porper,

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

N.B. The hearings on both items on the agenda were continued from the meeting of July 10 when the commission could not act for want of a quorum.

First item was a request for Certificate of Appropriateness by Paula Realty II, LLC for “after-the-fact” construction of a trellis/ pergola over an outside seating area at 52 main St. The chair noted that the applicants were given a building permit in error by a new employee of the building department. Robert Gulla, architect for the project, represented the owners and presented detailed drawings and photographs.

There was a short discussion. D. Porper noted that the main building is of no particular style and it would be hard to determine what might be appropriate other than the simple, straight forward pergola that was built.

MOTION: It was moved (P.Shea) and seconded (S. Goodick) to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for the already constructed pergola at 52 Main St.

Unanimous approval

The second item was a request from Salem 5 Bank dba Cape Ann Insurance Dale Avenue LLC for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign at 23 Dale Avenue as depicted in a sketch imposed on a photograph of the building. Another sheet with the details (measurements, materials) was submitted. Pauline Doody represented the bank and the presentation was made by Jeff Sarra of Batten Brothers who are doing the work. P. Shea noted that he had sold the building and was no longer involved with it.

There was little discussion.

MOTION: It was moved (P. Shea) and seconded (P.Fish) to grant a certificate of Appropriateness for the erection of a sign as detailed in the sheet presented /designed by Batten Brothers.

Unanimously approved

The third item was an update of the plans for the Sawyer Free Library expansion
Presented by Peter Feinstein.

He noted that nothing would be done to the already restored historic house attached. It may be detached from the addition but that has not been decided. There are no real drawings of what the new addition may look like. The trustees hope to have construction completed by 2024-25. They will need to fund raise for the costs over the grant money they are receiving. The commission members stressed the importance of keeping the HDC informed of any designs they may be considering lest money be wasted on advanced designs that may not be approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. David Porper. Chairman
Secretary pro tem