

6 Bruce Road – special permit

Homeowners are proposing to demolish and replace an enclosed sun porch, adding three feet of depth in order to make it a more usable interior room. Homeowners have experienced significant water invasion and damage, as well as other issues. The proposal calls for pitching the roof to help alleviate water invasion. The plan would replicate the historical type windows to match the main house, while its exterior would feature shingles similar to the upper stories of the main house.

The Historical Commission expressed concern about the removal of the three pylons, which match the pylons on the house’s entry portico. Their removal would erase a main historical feature of this house. Homeowners are not sure whether they will retain the portico in the future as they are considering adding a breezeway to the front of the house. The Historical Commission would also prefer to see inclusion of the existing exposed rafters on the current sun porch replicated in the proposed addition. The Commission expressed no concern about the addition’s intrusion on the side setback.

Motion Favorable action: The Historical Commission recommends favorable action with the following conditions:

- Replicate the existing stucco exterior
- Replicate the exposed rafters
- Replicate the existing pylons with tile diamonds
- Ensure that windows be 8-over-1 sash windows to match the rest of the house. Continuous bands of three windows can be divided by narrow wood mullions.

The motion was made by John Clemson and seconded.

4 in Favor 1 Opposed (Hickey) 2 Absent (Adams, Carlisle)

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Motion The Historical Commission finds no adverse impact on a historical or cultural resource.

5 in Favor 0 Opposed 2 Absent (Adams, Carlisle)

Meeting Minutes

Motion That the Historical Commission approve the minutes of the June 3, 2019 as presented. The motion was made by and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

5 in Favor 0 Opposed 2 Absent (Adams, Carlisle) VOTED

Fells Telecom Pole

Janet Boswell drafted the Commissions letter of concern about the proposal to build by Sprint to build a 120’ telecommunications pole in the Fells Reservation.

Motion That the Historical Commission adopt the letter drafted by Janet Boswell with changes proposed by John Clemson for submission.

5 in Favor 0 Opposed

Update on Historical Commission Survey Projects

John Clemson reported that Claire Dempsey is finishing work on the previous contract before revenue stream was instilled– filling in the blanks in the Flats – Bacon, LaGrange, Norton. Brian Szekeley and John Clemson finish the RFQ for the next phase – expect to review applications in August/September. Emily Dowling will serve as a reviewer and the Commission will gauge availability of Bruce Hickey, Jenny Adams and Jon Carlisle to serve as the second reviewer.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 5, 2019

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

VOTED

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Dowling, Recording Secretary



Jack LeMenager, Chair

August 5, 2019