

Framingham Historic District Commission

Meeting and Public Hearing of April 22, 1999

Members present: A. Welles, Chair; S. Herring, R. Dion, V. Coyle, S. Bernstein, G. Couto, T. Robecki, ~~G. Couto~~ *S. Greeley*

Public and applicants: Chris Walsh, Paul Tucker, Glenn Muzi, Roberta Golden, John Castignetti

The Chair announced that Roberta Golden will be appointed as an alternate for the attorney position on the commission.

Application for Certificate of Appropriateness: Community National Bank, 35 Edgell Road

Paul Tucker of Sign Logic represented Community National Bank which seeks approval to change the signage at the former Bank of Boston in three areas: a free-standing sign in front, frieze lettering on the front and rear pediments, and traffic directional signs.

Free-standing sign in front

Discussion of the proposed "bedpost" design led to a recommendation that a new design be presented that was smaller, preferably a single post "gallows" design with no ATM logos, and all blue on white colors. According to S. Berstein a street number has to be on the sign. Also, the illumination should be softened, and a bronze housing used for the lighting. Revisions to be presented at a continuation of the hearing.

Frieze lettering

The size, color, and materials of proposed lettering were acceptable, but concern was raised over the method of mounting and the impact that would have on the central beading strip. The current backboard method may be used. This will be confirmed at the continuance. Lettering at the rear found acceptable if the size is reduced to 4" (excluding the "y").

Traffic directional signs

The commission recommended informally that no directional signs be used in front of the building, but that a "do not enter" sign be used at the back to avoid confusion.

The ATM was also discussed, but will be handled as a separate permitting issue.

VOTED to continue this hearing to May 10 at 7:30 PM, location to be determined (unanimous).

Extension of the Jonathan Maynard District to include the barn and sheep shed at 41 Pleasant Street, hereinafter referred to as the Adams buildings.

S. Bernstein recused herself due to a possible conflict of interest regarding an adjacent lot.

Roberta Golden, owner of 41 Pleasant Street, formally requested the inclusion of these buildings in the district. The consensus of the commission was that there was no objection to this addition, but recognized the legal difficulties associated with the sheep shed extending beyond the lot line. The Chair reviewed the process for extending the district and estimated that the article may be ready by fall.

VOTED to include the Adams buildings with their property in the Jonathan Maynard Historic District (7 yeas and 1 abstained).

A proposal for a third historic district in the Edmands Road area was on the agenda, but as the proposer, Judy Turmail, was not present, the question was postponed to a future meeting.

Possible violations of the historical district by-laws

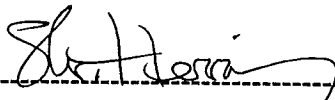
154 Pleasant Street (Jack Baer) - Represented by Chris Walsh

A cease and desist order has been placed on work done without a building permit and without a certificate of appropriateness. A deck/porch has been built over the old porch/kitchen structure; unauthorized gutter work was done on the west side; a non-conforming window/door arrangement was used on the rear extension. It was proposed that all these changes be submitted in a new application for a certificate of appropriateness.

VOTED that Jack Baer, owner of 154 Pleasant Street, is in violation of a certificate of appropriateness issued on Sept. 20, 1994, initiated by a building permit application of Sept. 12, 1994. (Unanimous)

VOTED that Jack Baer, owner of 154 Pleasant Street, is in violation of the historic district by-law as a result of work done on the west side of the house. (Unanimous)

Meeting adjourned with the balance of agenda to be resumed at the continuance of the hearing on May 10.



Stephen W. Herring (acting secretary)