

1 **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES**
2 **June 16, 2011**

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4 **Site Walk:** Prior to the meeting a site walk was held at 89 Boston Post Road.

5 **Meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Chairman, Jamie Ramsey.
6 Also attending were Tracy Veillette, Tom Grella, Bruce Frasier, Doug Chabinsky, Helen
7 Rowe, and newly appointed alternate, Sue Clark. Jamie asked Sue Clark to vote for Jim
8 Emmond and Bruce to vote for Neil Benner. Helen was appointed secretary pro tem for
9 the meeting.

10 **Old Business:**

11 Patrick Daniels of 130A Amherst St. presented updated landscaping plans. Tom Grella
12 recued himself. A tree has been planted along the driveway to soften the view of the
13 house and telephone pole. An arborvitae has been planted approximately five feet in
14 front of the telephone pole. More landscaping will be done in the fall which will give the
15 Daniels a better perspective as to what is needed. The Board expressed their satisfaction
16 with what the Daniels' have done and their intent to add more landscaping to mitigate the
17 removal of trees. Doug also expressed the Board's appreciation of the efforts and
18 willingness of the Daniels' to mitigate the landscaping situation.

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20 **New Business:**

21 **89 Boston Post Road, Doug and Martha Chabinsky;** window and siding replacement.
22 Doug stepped down and presented the proposal;

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24 **a.** Replace 15, non original windows with Jeld-Wen Custom Wood line double hung, 6
25 over 6 windows with simulated divided light, fixed grilles inside and out with a spacer
26 between the glass. Muntin size will be 5/8 inch. Since evidence indicates that the four
27 front windows were originally 6 over 9 Doug would like to return the configuration of
28 those four windows to this original size.

29 **b.** Siding replacement on the front and 2 sides.

30 Discussion: Jamie feels the muntin size is appropriate to the house and is similar to what
31 is currently there. Low e glass was discussed. The Harrington house under construction
32 has low e windows. The Board felt that since all the windows are being replaced that low
33 e glass could be used. The Board does not approve single window replacements with low
34 e glass since the difference with the rest of the windows is clearly visible. The request for
35 the siding, sill plate and some trim is due to rotting existing wood. The Board expressed
36 concern over the appearance of using new clapboards, especially on the front. Doug
37 pointed out that most of the current siding is not original but is replacement wood.

38 **FINDINGS:**

39 The house is #47 on the Historic inventory and dates back to the early 1800's

40 It is a contributing property

41 It has high visibility on three sides

42 Existing windows are replacements (Neil Benner enters at 7:33)

43 Enlargement of four front windows will reflect original size

44 Owner is not replacing original fabric of siding due to rot of existing boards

45 Gable sides are replacement wood as is approximately 1/3 of the front
46 Doug will try to salvage as much of the existing fabric as possible
47 New siding will be rough side out
48 Considerable rot of the existing wood and trim is evident
49 Reveals will be replicated.

50 **MOTION:** Window replacement

51 Tracy moved to approve the replacement of 15 non original windows as stated in the
52 application which will include 5/8" Muntin, historic sills, with low e glass being the
53 owner's option. Tom seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

54 **MOTION:** Siding replacement

55 Neil moved to approve the application as presented in the application with existing fabric
56 being saved and reused if possible with replacement siding being similar in kind to
57 current replacement siding. Jamie seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of
58 4 in favor and 1 against. There were no abstentions.

59 **TREE REMOVAL:** 23 Middle Street

60 Perry Day sent in photographs of two trees at 23 Middle Street showing obvious decay in
61 both. Perry's recommendation was that the trees be removed. The Board agreed with his
62 assessment.

63 **May minutes;** Jamie requested we table approval of the May minutes. The Board
64 approved.

65 Jamie also requested tabling of the Harrington fence details. The Board approved.

66 The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

67 Respectfully submitted,

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69 Helen D. Rowe, secretary pro tem

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