

Town of Hingham  
**Historic Districts Commission**  
210 Central Street ~ Hingham Massachusetts 02043-2759

Historic Districts Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
Thursday May19, 2016  
Hingham Town Hall  
6:30 P.M.

Members Present – **Chairman Hans von der Luft, Lois Levine, Mike Collard, Virginia Tay, Denis King**, Chuck Clutz, Marty Saunders, John D' Angelo, Tomas Kindler  
Member(s) Absent - Ben Burnham  
**Note:** Bold print indicates voting members.

Chairman Hans von der Luft called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**24 Pleasant Street**

Owner Marc Bucklen reviewed final changes to plans for a proposed 2-story, 2-car attached garage. The ridge height of the dormer was dropped 6 inches; the brackets and the overhang on the garage were removed. Mr. Bucklen provided a vendor sheet showing the proposed garage doors and specifications. Light fixtures will be the same as the fixtures on the house.

**Decision**

Commissioner Collard made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to 24 Pleasant Street to construct the 2-car garage proposed in Phase 2 in accordance with plans dated 4/14/2016 and revised plans dated 5/19/2016.

Second: Commissioner Levine                      In Favor: All

**36 Pleasant Street**

Dr. and Mrs. Rockoff appeared before the Commission to seek approval to replace an existing 6 ft. high cedar fence and to create a small play area using a 4 ft. cedar fence. Abutter Brianne Jarvis asked to see a picture of the replacement fence; she was given a copy of the application which included pictures of the old and new fences. The Rockoffs also asked for approval for proposed light fixtures for the pool building currently under construction.

**Decision**

Commissioner Levine moved to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to 36 Pleasant Street to replace the existing 6 ft. cedar fence around the pool with a new 6 ft. cedar fence and to install a new 4 ft. cedar fence, both as shown in the locations on the diagram included in the application. New fencing will be in the style shown in the picture submitted with the application. An onion lamp and additional lighting as shown on the vendor specification sheet and a photo submitted are also approved.

Second: Commissioner von der Luft  
In Favor: All                      Opposed: None

### **17 Middle Street**

Applicants Sush Prusty and Meredith Deveney submitted an application for Commission approval to remove an existing fence, to install a gate on the Main Street side of the house, and a gate on the Common Street side of the house.

#### **Decision**

Commissioner Collard moved to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to 17 Middle Street to remove and existing fence on the Middle Street side of the house. New fence will be continuous sections, symmetrically placed on each side of the new gate. Two sections of fence and a gate will be placed across the front walkway on the Main Street of the house to close the opening in the hedge. The fence will be cedar, 42" high, in the style shown in the application. Fence and gates will be stained white.

Second: Commissioner Tay

In Favor: All                      Opposed: None

### **22 Lincoln Street**

Property owner Meg Lind presented the design of a proposed business sign. The 21" x 15 3/8" sign will be double-sided. The background color of the sign advertising the 22 Lincoln Street B&B, the Extra Ordinary, will match the color of the shutters on the house. The sign is mahogany and will hang by chain on a wrought iron bracket.

#### **Decision**

Commissioner Levine moved to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to 22 Lincoln Street for a business sign as shown in the drawings submitted and according to the specifications stated. The sign will be Lucerne Blue with white lettering. The sign will be installed as shown using a wrought iron bracket and chains attached to an existing lamp post.

Second: Commissioner King

In Favor: Commissioners von der Luft, King, Levine, Collard

Abstained: Commissioner Tay

### **262 South Street**

Contractor Jack Livingston accompanied property owners Jeffrey and Mary Ann Born as they came before the Commission seeking approval to construct a new house and barn on a newly-created lot behind 262 South Street. Mr. and Mrs. Born reviewed the design, which included a Georgian style house with a conservatory to the rear. The initial discussion focused on whether or not a replica of an early architectural style would give an impression of a false sense of history. Mrs. Born said that the design of the new house "is an homage to the houses on the street". Through further discussion an understanding was reached that the design of the new residence would include some details reminiscent of Georgian architecture, but could not be classified as Georgian in style. Commission members recommended changing the size and roof pitch of the conservatory to downsize it. They also requested that the faux chimneys on the main portion of the house be removed. Commission members asked the applicants to bring a sample of the proposed roofing material to the next meeting. The hearing was continued to June 9, 2016.

### **45 Middle Street**

Commissioner Kindler, an abutter to 45 Middle Street recused himself from the hearing.

Architect Can Tiryaki presented a proposal to construct a porch on the front of the residence and create a front door. In order to effect the new design, an exterior chimney on the front facade of the residence would have to be removed. Mr. Tiryaki provided several photographs of the residence as it was originally built, which showed a covered porch on the left side of the house similar to what is currently being proposed. The original design was changed circa 1960, when the porch was removed and the front chimney added. The Commission complimented proposed changes, and stated that the old photographs of the original house presented justification for a favorable reaction to the proposal. The existing right facade shows three symmetrically placed windows; the proposal includes splitting the bottom window

