

Town of Hingham  
Historic Districts Commission  
210 Central Street ~ Hingham, Massachusetts

Historic Districts Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
Thursday April 18, 2019  
Hingham Town Hall  
6:30 PM

Members Present: **Chairman Hans von der Luft, Virginia Tay, Benjamin Burnham, Veronica Madden**

Commissioner von der Luft called the meeting to order at 6:30 p. m

**Kristin Dziergowski, 650 Main Street, located in the Tower-Wilder Extension Historic District** is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish an existing one-story garage to make way for new construction of a two story, single bay, two car tandem garage with a second floor rear deck. The house was built in 1833. The designer, Paulette O'Connell was present with the applicant.

This hearing had been continued from March 14, 2019.

Paulette O'Connell, project designer, discussed the previous meeting noting that the Commission had expressed concern that the design of the visible side of the proposed new garage was too simplistic and needed more differentiation. She described the changes made to the design noting that the dormer and gable give more definition to the side of the garage. She stated that they have also submitted a materials list. Commissioner von der Luft stated that he had been to the property several times and noted that there are some plantings that offer screening to the rear to the house. He then read the minutes of the previous hearing to review what the Commission was asking for in changes to the plans. Commissioner Burnham thanked the applicant for the changes and stated that his concerns regarding the left elevation of the garage have been satisfied, and that he would like to see all wood windows being proposed. Commissioner Madden asked about the direction of the garage, clarifying changes that were made from previous plans and stated that she feels the design complements the existing house. Commissioner von der Luft noted that any work to the rear of the garage is not visible and so they have no jurisdiction over the rear

elevation. Commissioner Tay asked about the percentage of square footage of the proposed garage as compared to the home. Ms. O'Connell stated that the proposed structure is about forty percent of the house and that they reviewed this with the Zoning Board of Appeals as part of their process. Commissioner Tay stated that because the length of the garage moves away from the streetscape, she does not feel that it is dominating the existing home. Commissioner Burnham asked questions about the materials list that was submitted.

**Motion:** Commissioner Burnham made a motion to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to 650 Main Street for the construction of a new two story garage based on submitted plans dated March 19, 2019, pages 100, 102, 104; with submitted materials list dated March 14, 2019; windows must be all wood, either simulated divided light or true divided light; the rear of the new garage is the applicant's discretion; all trim is to be wood; the application includes the demolition of existing garage; the roof and paint are to match existing home, materials from submitted packet; garage door is to be all wood.

**Second:** Commissioner Madden

**In Favor:** Commissioners von der Luft, Tay, Madden, and Burnham

**Opposed:** None