

Boylston Historic District Commission
Meeting July 19, 2023

Cathy Richard, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. at the Boylston Town Hall. Present were Commission members Michael Alfego, Jessica Bourque, David Cole, Susan Therriault, and Cathy Richard. A quorum was present. Also present was a guest, Jean Therriault, representing the Boylston Public Library.

Approval of minutes of the 1/23/2023 Historic District Commission meeting: David made the motion, Mike seconded. Approved unanimously.

Election of officers: Susan elected Secretary. David made the motion. Jessica seconded. Approved unanimously.

Discussion of application for Certificate of Appropriateness from the Boylston Public Library: Jean Therriault, a member of the Boylston Public Library Board of Trustees made the presentation. He reviewed the scope of the project to give the Commission an overview.

The Library would like our permission to repair/replace, when needed, storm windows, windows and screens. Repair/replace damaged woodwork, and paint all wooden exterior surfaces. The main wooden entry door would be sanded and stained. The commission felt these items fall into the category of repairs.

Non-functional ventilation grills would be removed from each of the gables, as well as accent woodwork and replaced with durable material of the same color and texture. After discussion the commission felt that the removal of the exterior architectural feature involved (gables) is insubstantial in its effect on the Historic District.

A motion was made to grant the Boylston Library a Certificated of Appropriateness. David made the motion. Jessica seconded. Susan recused herself from the vote, as she is a member of the Library Trustees. The motion was approved unanimously.

Susan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine A. Richard

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