

Town of Ipswich Architectural Preservation District Commission
Public Hearing
April 5, 2021
Zoom Meeting ID: 829 8965 4792 - Remote

Minutes

Members Present: Nancy Carlisle, Peter Bubriski, Chris Morse, and Will Thompson

Alternate Members Present: Susan Hill Dolan and Joe Bourneuf

Staff Present: Kristen Grubbs, Ipswich Town Planner

Others Present: Sarah Winderlin, 87 High Street, Ipswich
Roger Leblanc, 14 Mill Road, Ipswich
Gordon Harris, 17 Mill Road, Ipswich
Mitchell Lowe, 33 Summer Street, Ipswich

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

CITIZENS QUERIES: None.

MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING: Ms. Carlisle designated Mr. Bourneuf as a voting member for purposes of approving the previous minutes, and requested a motion to adopt them. Mr. Bubriski moved to accept the March 15, 2021 meeting minutes and Bourneuf seconded. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Documents: Draft minutes of March 15, 2021 meeting

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: 87 High St Certificate to Alter. Review of application by Sarah L. Winderlin for a Certificate to Alter for a multifamily residential development which includes a new four-unit structure and an accessory dwelling rebuild at 87 High Street (Assessor's ID 30D 012), located in the Architectural Preservation District, pursuant to Chapter 113 of the Ipswich General Bylaw.

Carlisle began by expressing appreciation for the site walk held the previous Saturday. She explained that the APDC would not weigh in on the design aspects further until the number of units is decided. Ms. Winderlin explained that the project had not been considered at the March 11th Planning Board Meeting due to the hearing not being properly advertised. The Planning Board hearing on the special permit application opened on April 1st. Winderlin continued by going over changes to the elevations for both new buildings. Carlisle iterated that the Board would forego any discussion of the design. Winderlin expressed her appreciation for the Board's comments throughout the process. Mr. Morse expressed appreciation for the breakdown of the lot characteristics and Bubriski commented that the elevations were showing positive progress. Carlisle stated that the public hearing would remain continued until May 3rd.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion of potential amendments to the Architectural Preservation District (APD) Bylaw and Zoning Bylaw relative to APD and In-Town Residential density and design Bylaw Updates.

Carlisle began the discussion by relaying that the Planning Board was also considering avenues to address the concerns relative to new construction density and design. Ms. Grubbs concurred and added that next steps included forming a working group with one or two members from each interested board, with the goal of having an amendment ready for Fall Town Meeting. Carlisle stated that volunteers would be solicited once the meeting cadence is established.

Updates and any general matters not foreseen within 48 hours of the meeting.

Carlisle proposed considering an update to the Simon Bradstreet plaque on High Street to more appropriately recognize America's first poet, Anne Bradstreet. The APDC would sponsor the project. Bubriski agreed and added that the activity should be widely publicized due to the great following of Bradstreet's who would support and appreciate the effort. Mr. Harris offered an alternative in terms of adding a second plaque specifically for Bradstreet, as the existing one also has historical significance. Mr. Lowe concurred, offering that research should be done into the original commemoration, and that Bradstreet's own plaque should be considered in lieu of removal of the existing. There was general support for the project, and Carlisle agreed that the undertaking would move forward with care. Harris stated that any appearance of cancel culture should be avoided.

Slideshows and other educational media.

Bubriski urged continued effort relative to generating content media for education purposes and sharing with the public through the Historic Ipswich website. Mr. Thompson explained his intent to compile a slideshow of older accessory structures in the APD and suggested that others consider similar media in other areas.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for May 3, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting. Bubriski seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Minutes prepared by Will Thompson, Secretary

Minutes adopted: May 3, 2021