

Town of Westminster Historic Review Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Present: Peter Terrell, Matt Sargent and Tony Diorio

Others Present: Russell Hodgkins (Town Manager/ Zoning Admin.)

Absent:

1. **Call to Order:** Peter Terrell (Chair) called the meeting to order at 4:58 PM in the Westminster Town Hall.
2. **Adjustments to Agenda:** None
3. **Acceptance of June 18, 2018 Minutes:** Peter Terrell made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Tony Diorio seconded. The motion passed.
4. **Communications and Public Comments:** None
6. **Unfinished Business (Discussion/Action):**
 - A.) **Historic Building Verifications:** The ZA asked if any further actions had happened. The Board will get this project done as soon as possible.
7. **New Business (Discussion/ Action):**
 - A. **Margaret & Cheryl Aiken – Replacing Slate Roof;**

The Zoning Administrator presented to the Historic Review Board the documents received from the Aikens and showed the Board a sample of the proposed roofing material.

Matt Sargent (Matt) started by saying that the Historic District is losing its soul every year by these types of applications. Matt went on to say that he hates the thought of another slate roof disappearing because it is easier to maintain or slate is too expensive. The only way that the District will remain vibrant and historically appealing is by strongly recommending that repairs be done instead of replacements of these old slate roofs. Tony Diorio (Tony) stated that the precedence of replacing roofs with metal has already been set. He went on to say that unfortunately, the Board has approved replacement of asphalt shingles with metal just a year ago. Matt declared that the replacement was asphalt not slate. Peter Terrell (Peter) said he would like to see at least a quote being sought after for the repair of the slate and that the Board highly recommend that this roof remain as slate. It was agreed that the ZA will write the Board's recommendation with the wording of the Board's feelings. The ZA will include two local contractor's names in the recommendation.

The Board came out of deliberative session at 5:25 PM and the Chair declared that this meeting would resume.

8. **Other Business:** Matt asked about the last recommendation that they sent to the DRB (Whitman's). The ZA explained the outcome of the application. Peter asked about the motel and possible restaurant. The ZA said nothing further has come across his desk recently, but conversations are still happening from a prospective buyer. The ZA told the Board that they will be hearing another request from Mr. Whitman about a sister tattoo parlor out of his house in approximately three to four weeks.

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** When needed.

10. Adjournment: Peter made the motion to recess and Matt seconded the motion at 5:38 p.m. The motion passed.

Clerk Signature

Minutes prepared by Russell Hodgkins (ZA & Town Mgr.) (7/25/18)