

Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting of February 27, 2023

The Town of Stockbridge Historic Preservation Commission held a Zoom meeting on Monday, February 27, beginning at 4:00 PM. Present from the Commission were Chairman Carl Sprague, Jorja Marsden, Chantal Rhind and Secretary Peter Williams. Pam Sandler was present but recused herself from all Commission deliberations and votes. The meeting's agenda, date, time and place were duly posted by the Town Clerk on the Town website at least two business days in advance of the meeting. Chairman Sprague presided over the meeting.

Minutes

The Commission unanimously approved the draft minutes of its meeting of February 6, 2023.

8 Averic Road

The Commission considered an Application for Alteration with respect to the house ("the House") at 8 Averic Road, filed with the Commission on February 12, 2023. The application was filed by the owners of the House, Pam Delaney and Kevin Sheridan. The proposed alteration is to place a 512 sq. ft. one-story addition at the back of the House, which currently is approximately 1,900 sq. ft. in size. The owners' architect, Ms. Sandler, attended the meeting and spoke in favor of the application.

The Commission members had previously reviewed the Application and its supporting materials, and Ms. Sandler summarized them at the meeting. The House dates from the 19th century, and Mr. Williams stated that it is listed as a contributing building to the Old Curtisville National Register Historic District. The Commission discussed the proposed addition and found it to be appropriate in scale and style to the House. Based upon the presentations made and documents reviewed at the meeting, the Commission determined by a unanimous vote that the proposed alteration of the House did not constitute a substantial alteration thereof under Section 2.7 of Article XXII of the Town Bylaws (Historic Preservation and Demolition Delay).

31 Main Street

The Commission next heard an Application for Alteration with respect to the commercial building at 31 Main Street ("the Building") owned by R. Timothy Minkler. Mr. Minkler filed the Application and attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of the Application. Also in attendance and providing factual information about the proposal was Martin Jutres, of Valley Solar, which would oversee the proposed alteration. The proposed alteration to the Building reviewed by the Commission was to install solar panels on the flat surfaces (not the dormers) of the roof of the Building; the panels to be black in color and low profile against the roof surface. Prior to the meeting the Commission reviewed drawings of the proposed alteration and photographs of the Building and its roof taken from both sides of Main Street. The Building is located in the Main Street National Register Historic District, and the Building is a contributing structure thereto.

Following presentation, questions to and answers from Mr. Minkler and Mr. Jutres, and discussion by the Commission, the Commission unanimously determined that the proposed installation of the solar panels on the roof of the Building did not constitute "Substantial Alteration" thereof as defined in

Section 2.7 of Article XXII of the Town Bylaws.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 4:40 PM.

Dated: Stockbridge, Massachusetts
June 5, 2023

Peter C. Williams
Peter C. Williams, Secretary