



NOT YET APPROVED MINUTES

MANSFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MANSFIELD TOWN HALL ■ 4 SOUTH EAGLEVILLE ROAD ■ CONFERENCE ROOM B

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019 ■ REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: L. Kruger, N. Miniutti, D. Spencer, E. Spencer, M. Mitoma
ALTERNATES ABSENT: G. Bruhn
STAFF PRESENT: L. Painter, Director of Planning and Development; D. Dijal, Acting Director of Public Works

D. Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

N. Miniutti MOVED, L. Kruger seconded approval of the July 16, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion CARRIED (4-0-1) with M. Mitoma abstaining.

PUBLIC HEARING

H-0001 ADDITION WITH DECK AT 981 STORRS ROAD LOCATED IN THE SPRING HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

L. Painter read the public notice of the meeting into the record. Patrick McAneeny of the Advanced Group, LLC is present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. McAneeny presented a revised plan dated July 9, 2019 that included a beaded vinyl soffit that was added in response to comments from Commission members from the July meeting. Members asked questions regarding window type and configuration as well as whether lattice screening was considered for the north side of the addition. Mr. McAneeny indicated that no lattice was planned due to the amount of vegetation that screens view of the addition from the street as well as the desire to maintain access to the existing well.

The public hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

H-0001 ADDITION WITH DECK AT 981 STORRS ROAD LOCATED IN THE SPRING HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

L. Kruger MOVED, N. Miniutti seconded, to approve the July 8, 2019, application of Melania Stepaneko for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a building addition and deck on property located at 981 Storrs Road in the Spring Hill Historic District as presented at the August 15, 2019 public hearing. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

MANSFIELD CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT, SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

D. Dilaj, Acting Director of Public Works, presented an overview of plans to replace sections of the existing Storrs Road stone-dust walkways in Mansfield Center with bituminous (asphalt) pavement. Initial replacement would focus on the segment between Route 89 and Centre Street; however,

additional sections may be improved pending funding availability. The initial section would be included as part of the Route 89 sidewalk construction process. Ultimately the Town would like to pave all of the walkways in Mansfield Center.

Members generally supported the improvements provided the sidewalks will be maintained. L. Kruger expressed concern that the walkways have historically not been maintained or plowed and therefore questioned the appropriateness of spending additional money on improvements. Members noted that improvements to the bus stop area might be a higher priority in their minds than the sidewalk improvements. D. Dilaj noted the difficulty of maintaining stone dust walkways, particularly for snow removal, and indicated that the new walkways would be added to the Town's snow removal activities. He also indicated that the Town is exploring the potential for improvements to the bus stop area, including paving and shelter/seating improvements.

Members also questioned whether there would be lighting on the new Route 89 walkway. Due to project cost, no lighting is included with the initial construction. Members expressed support for working with Eversource to see if lighting could be added to existing utility poles to improve pedestrian safety.

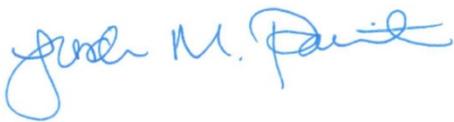
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

D. Spencer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda M. Painter, AICP
Director of Planning and Development