

April 18, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Boyer, Mr. Chute, Mr. Kerr, Ms. Gilchrist

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Smith

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Mr. Hollinger, Mr. Krinsky, Mrs. Mills

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Shade

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Frank, Mr. Owens, Mr. Werkhoven

REGULAR MEETING

Ms. Gilchrist opened the meeting at 7:35PM, seated the members and seated Alternate Krinsky for Mr. Smith.

Consideration of the Minutes

The 3/21/11 minutes were accepted as corrected:

Pg.5, Par.2, Line 4:old fashioned weathered lead.

MOTION:

To approve the 3/21/11 minutes as corrected.

By Mr. Chute, seconded by Mr. Kerr and passed 5-0.

Other Business

First Congregational Church /6 Kirby Road /Discussion re: items requested for clarification on 9-20-11

Mr. Kerr told the members he would have to be recused from this discussion due to conflict of interest.

Ms. Gilchrist seated Mrs. Mills in his place.

Mr. Reese Owens, Halper Owens Architects, read a letter he wrote to the Commission(dated 4-18-11) in which he stated that since last September, when the Commission issued a C of A to the Church for an Access Lift, two potential problems have arisen: 1)the open platform lift may "feel" insubstantial and uncomfortable, and 2)the mechanism of the proposed lift is prone to maintenance problems. As a result, the Church is proposing a modification which would make the addition smaller and simpler. Mr. Owens presented revised drawings dated 4/18/11. He also gave the Commission detailed photos which they had requested last September: Bluestone, iron railing to match existing, weathered CT wall stone, canopy light, door pull and call button.

Mr. Owens told the Commissioners that people who used a lift like the one previously proposed, found it unnerving. This new lift will be much more like an elevator. The new drawing shows the addition will extend out about 6 inches further than the previous one, but will be narrower and is overall smaller with no window and is 2½ ft lower than what HDC approved last September. Mr. Owens said he thinks smaller is better and asked the Commission if they were agreeable to the changes. Ms. Gilchrist said she thinks the addition will recede more than originally thought. Mrs. Boyer said the Church has the same simplicity as the library. Ms. Gilchrist noted the canopy light would probably not show and the source of light would not be seen from the public way. Mr. Owens said the same type of light is in other places on the Church.

Ms. Gilchrist asked the members if there were any additional questions or comments. There were none. Ms. Gilchrist said she appreciates the efforts which have gone into making this addition look like it belongs there.

MOTION:

To approve the plan submitted by the First Congregational Church, 6 Kirby Road, as modified and clarified in drawings D100 and D101 revised 4/18/11, and drawings D201, D202 and D203 dated 4/18/11; all by Reese Owens, Halper Owens Architects. In addition, detailed pictures of items requested for clarification: Bluestone, Iron rails to match existing, weathered CT wall stone, Canopy light, door pull and call button(rec'd. 4/18/11). The amended elevator housing is thought to be in the spirit of the previously issued Certificate of Appropriateness.

By Mr. Chute, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and passed 5-0.

Correspondence

Canning /119 Calhoun Street /Repairs in-kind

Ms. Gilchrist read an e-mail from Sandra Canning stating she would be having some repairs in-kind done at 119 Calhoun Street. Ms. Gilchrist thanked her for notifying the Commission and the correspondence will be placed in her file.

MOTION: To Adjourn the meeting. By Mrs. Boyer.

Ms. Gilchrist adjourned the meeting at 8:50PM.

FILED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha T. Shade, Clerk