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WHDC Meeting
Town Building, Selectmen's Room
October 26, 2017

Present: Gretchen Schuler (presiding), Caitlin Ahern, Margery Baston, Alice Boelter, Desmond McAuley, Seema Mysore, Kathie Steinberg

Others present: Dan & Nadine Hill (25 Bow Road), Tony Gallant (architect for 25 Bow Road), Molly Faulkner (president of the Wayland Historical Society-WHS), Roger Backman (WHS Maintenance Manager), Bob Drake (engineering consultant for WHS)

Public Comment. There was none

12 Cochituate Road - Grout Heard House Museum - Expiration of Certificate of Appropriateness for driveway surface. The Certificate of Appropriateness granted in 2014 allowed for 5 different ways to address the driveway/parking surface at the GHM Museum. The fifth option was asphalt paving, the last choice of HDC and the Historical Society board. However, after trying crushed stone and incurring difficulties both with plowing and walking on the surface, the WHS board has opted for an asphalt surface, including proper drainage. Bob Drake was retained to coordinate with town boards to develop a suitable plan. Bob presented a rough plan showing that the perimeter of the current driveway and parking area would not be expanded, but would have trenches along either side of the driveway and in the parking area to be filled with crushed stone to capture water on the property. Bob noted there would be no such retention basins within 20 feet of the GHM cesspool on the North side of the driveway. He stated that with an asphalt surface exceeding 500 square feet of impervious material on the property, Conservation Commission review would be required. Bob has spoken to the Town Planner about the proposed work.

Pervious pavers have been considered but their maintenance is complicated and costly making them an impractical solution. Molly Faulkner stated that the WHS prefers a lighter colored asphalt, rather than jet black. Roger Backman did note that the black asphalt would turn gray with time.

There was a motion to renew the existing certificate for another two years. This motion received a positive vote. (5-0-2) Alice and Margery recused themselves because they serve on the Historical Society board.

25 Bow Road - James Henry Small House - Informal discussion of proposed addition. Dan and Nadine Hill, owners and their architect, Tony Gallant, explained the project. Tony began by saying the only proposed change visible from the street would be the roof of the master bedroom. Gretchen asked about any effect on the chimney. There will be none. Desmond commented that the proposed addition would fit with the other "pieces" making up the house.

Tony asked about using non-wood decking material for the porch. While Gretchen noted the decking would be difficult to discern from the street, Desmond asked if they had considered Ipe wood which resembles mahogany but is more dense and turns gray quickly. Intrigued by this suggestion, Dan, Nadine and Tony will explore the option of Ipe decking. Tony stated the rest of the porch work will be restoration with like materials. Desmond, speaking as an architect and not as a WHDC member, liked the “ad hoc” additions proposed for the house.

There was a brief discussion about glazing and windows. Generally, new materials will match existing. Gretchen asked that the plan be sent to her digitally when an application is submitted to the HDC so that she can share it with HDC members prior to the hearing. Desmond asked that the plans be color coded to differentiate existing from the proposed elements. Gretchen requested that elevations be provided, along with sketches showing detail. The construction will likely occur over the summer and require about 6 months.

Minutes. The minutes of September 28 were accepted as amended. (5-0-2)

Other.

Kathie Steinberg brought the first page of the lengthy draft report from Massachusetts Historical Commission **MASSACHUSETTS STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN 2018-2022**

The MHC is looking for response from HDC members, HC members, and others. Gretchen thought an electronic version could be linked to our HDC website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next HDC meeting will be on November 16 which will include a hearing on 25 Bow Road.

Respectfully submitted,
Margery Baston