

Wayland Historic District Commission
March 14, 2023 Meeting on Zoom
6:30 PM

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

Others present: William Burns, Brett Williams (applicant)

1. Public Comment. There was none.
2. Minutes. The minutes from the February 14, 2023 meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting and were also shared on-screen. Mr. McAuley made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, and this was seconded by Ms. Baston. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote (5-0-0).
3. Letter of Support to MA Historical Commission (taken out of order)

The Wayland Historical Commission has made a grant application to the MA Historical Commission for improvements to the The Grout Heard Museum. Work needs to be done to address failing beams, accessible entrance and rest rooms. The grant would fund architectural drawings and the services of a structural engineer. The grant program requires a letter of support from the Wayland Historical District Commission.

Ms Schuler presented information on the timing and costs associated with the work to be done. Mr. McAuley recommended the Historical Commission look into the software, Revit, that can produce a 3D model with views of the building (and sections) from which it would be easy to render drawings. He also recommended requesting ownership of both the model and the drawings.

Alice Boelter joined the meeting at 7 PM

Ms. Steinberg moved that the WHDC send a letter of support for the grant application. Ms. Boelter seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote (6-0-0).

4. Public hearing regarding the application for door replacement at 1 Bow Road.
Mr. Williams presented the application. The door has deteriorated and the panels have cracked. The cost of restoration is prohibitive so they would like to replace it with a mahogany door from John Moriarty @ JP Millworks. The new door will have the same measurement six recessed panels with applied moldings and middle rail. The upper

and lower stiles will be the same and it will be similar to the existing door in color. It will be stained to even the color. Pictures were provided with a sample of the color. It was suggested that the applicant consider more sustainable hard wood or recycled mahogany options.

The exterior hardware will be new and either Coastal Bronze or Acorn finish. This is a blacksmith forged finish of bronze/black. They will install a Norfolk latch, although this is not an issue for the Commission as the latch cannot be seen from the public way. The owners also intend to install a Brosco storm door.

Mr. Williams will inquire as to whether the materials used will be sustainable mahogany, which while preferred by the commission, would not affect our vote.

Ms. Baston moved to approve the application as presented. Mr. McAuley seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote (6-0-0).

5. There were no items that were not anticipated by the Chair

6. Adjournment. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM made by Ms. Steinberg and seconded by Ms. Boelter. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote (6-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Steinberg