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Minutes of the Half Crown-Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District Commission

May 12, 2014 - 6:00 PM at Friends Meeting House, 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge

Members present: James Van Sickle, *Chair*; Judith Dortz, *Vice Chair*; Deborah Masterson, *member*; Marie-Pierre Dillenseger, Charles Smith, Peter Schur, *alternate*

Members absent: William King, *member*

Staff present: Susan Maycock, Samantha Paull

Members of the Public: see attached list

Mr. James Van Sickle, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm and gave an overview of the agenda and approval of the April meeting minutes.

Mr. Van Sickle introduced the Commissioners and staff. He also presented the agenda for the meeting. Mr. Van Sickle mentioned that he is an abutter and would recuse himself. Ms. Deborah Masterson, a Commissioner, mentioned her interest as a close neighbor and felt she needed to recuse herself. Mr. Van Sickle appointed Vice Chair Ms. Judith Dortz to preside.

HCM-240: 8 Foster Place, by Carolyn H. Burns. Window alterations.

Ms. Paull presented a brief history of the structure, its architectural style and the proposed scope of the application.

Dr. Peter Schur, Commissioner, asked for some clarification. Mr. John Downes, an owner, stated there were visible variations in the shingles that showed evidence of an opening in the general location of the proposed alteration.

Dr. Schur asked the owner to verify product information. Mr. Downes stated that they are proposing Anderson casement windows, noting that there are other casement windows on this elevation.

Ms. Dortz asked where it would be located in relation to existing windows and, if it would be balanced. Mr. Downes said yes. Ms. Dortz asked for other comments from Commissioners and then from the public.

Mr. Van Sickle, at abutter at 15 Brown St, stated his backyard is catty-corner. He has a garden in his backyard and felt he had a better view than many from his yard of the proposed facade change. As an architect, he said it was bothersome that the remaining window on that elevation is double hung and, does not match the other windows on that elevation which are Anderson casements. He felt it would be more appropriate to use casements instead of the existing double hung sash. Both he and his wife supported the application.

George Kent, a neighbor at 2 Foster Pl, stated that he hoped the front of the house should maintain the double hung sash as the original workers cottage. The casements reflect that the rear portion is an addition and not part of the original worker's cottage.

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Ms. Masterson, an abutter of an abutter, strongly supports the proposal.

Ms. Dortz asked for further comments from the Commission.

Mr. Charles Smith, a Commissioner, stated he agreed with Mr. Van Sickle's comments as did Ms. Marie-Pierre Dillenseger, a Commissioner.

Dr. Schur moved to approve the plans and materials as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Van Sickle and Ms. Masterson rejoined the meeting.

Mr. Van Sickle called for comments or corrections on the minutes of April 7, 2014. Ms. Dortz moved to approve the minutes with the correction as given. Dr. Schur seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Masterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Schur. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Paull
Preservation Administrator

Members of the Public (who signed the Attendance list)

George Kent	2 Foster Place
John Downes	8 Foster Place
Carolyn H. Burns	8 Foster Place
Rory Connor	9 Foster Place