

Minutes of the Half Crown-Marsh Neighborhood Conservation District Commission ***Approved at the March 14, 2016 Meeting***

January 11, 2016 - 6:00 PM at Friends Meeting House, 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge

Members present: James Van Sickle, *Chair*; Marie-Pierre Dillenseger, William King, Peter Schur, and Charles Smith, *members*

Members absent: Judith Dortz, *Vice Chair*; Deborah Masterson, member

Staff present: Samantha Paull

Members of the Public: see attached list

Mr. James Van Sickle, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and gave an overview of the agenda. Mr. Van Sickle discussed meeting procedures.

Mr. Van Sickle noted that all Commissioners present would be voting.

HCM-318: 60 Foster Street, by Marc and Madeleine Holzer. Remove chimney, remove window, and install new fireplace vent.

Ms. Samantha Paull, staff, gave a brief history of the structure, showed slides, and an overview of the proposed application.

Mr. Bruce Irving, the applicant's representative, gave an overview of the proposal and noted that they were proposing to remove a chimney, remove a window and add a new exhaust for the fireplace vent.

Ms. Paull noted that the vent, as it was under one (1) square foot was considered exempt. Mr. Van Sickle read aloud the pertinent section of the District Order to confirm.

Mr. Bill King, Commissioner, expressed a concern about where the proposed vent emptied out onto the walkway between the houses. Mr. Irving replied that for the fireplace there would be less water vapor than from a whole house heating system. He added that it would be approximately seven (7) feet back from the front elevation and seven (7) feet up in the air.

Mr. Charles Smith, Commissioner, asked if there was an interior change that suggested the removal of the window. Mr. Irving replied that on the interior there was a wall between bathrooms and the window was causing an interior problem.

Mr. King said that he felt strongly about preserving chimneys but as the chimney on this house was not readily visible, he did not feel that it would be a substantial loss of character on the streetscape.

Mr. Van Sickle called for questions from the public. There were none. He called for comments from the public. There were none.

Dr. Schur made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Ms. Dillenseger seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

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Mr. King made a motion to approve the December 14, 2015 minutes with marked edits. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

Ms. Dillenseger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Schur seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha Paull
Preservation Administrator

**Members of the Public
(who signed the Attendance list)**

Madeleine Holzer	Owner- applicant	60 Foster Street
Marc Holzer	Owner - applicant	60 Foster Street
Bruce Irving	Applicant's Representative	32C Cushing Street

Note: All addresses are located in Cambridge unless otherwise noted.