

Architectural Review Board
April 7, 2005

Jeffrey Plank, chair, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers; all other members were present: Lillian Copeland, Ruth Klippstein, John Koski, and Fred Schneider. Barry Clark and Steve Meeks also attended. We adjusted the agenda and unanimously approved Barry's minutes of the March meeting.

Summary of Actions: We accept Steve Meeks's proposal for a shed at 105 Moore's Hill Rd, with exterior trim as discussed; we accept Steve Meeks's proposal for renovation of 720 Valley St, with the proviso that any changes in the plans recommended by the state Department of Historic Resources are cleared with the ARB.

Old Business: Barry reported that painters are to take the vines off the lace factory, re-glaze windows as necessary, and paint the exterior. Jeffrey asked Barry to let the owner know we need to consult with him on repair of the mortar; we would want to have lime mortar used, especially at the surface joints.

New Business: Steve Meeks described the history of the shed he is replacing at Moore's Hill, described in our survey as a "collapsed outbuilding." The new 12x20' structure will have a pitched roof with shingles and board and batten siding; it will be stained Nantucket white with Fieldstone trim, to match the house. The roof will be in gray tones. He is using a recycled wooden window and metal door. It was moved and seconded and unanimously passed that we recommend a certificate of approval to the project with the colors discussed.

Steve reported that he is applying for tax credits with the state DHR for the renovation at 720 Valley St; this may necessitate some changes in his current proposal. He showed photographs to indicate where he will rebuild the back porch and add period railing to the front porch; add a door to the basement laundry room; and possibly enclose the underside of the back porch to shield trash receptacles. Jeffrey suggested that the "level of finish" is important here, as this is the first of these small old buildings to be renovated; it should show the "whole town the way it was meant to be." Fred approved the color scheme, saying the darker color will be better than the present white. We moved, seconded, and unanimously recommended a certificate of approval, with the proviso that any changes to the scheme be cleared with us.

Repair and Maintenance: Barry will wait for a draft letter from Jeffrey and Fred to send to the owner of 135 Warren St. about the chimney and rot problems. We will ask the owner to attend our May meeting, develop a maintenance plan, and begin repairs within 90 days. Barry has talked to the owner of the former Bocce building about necessary repairs, and hopes Jeffrey and Fred can meet with him while he is currently in town.

Inventory project: Jeffrey showed sample pages of the publication, and suggested that the cover may be a copy of a Burgess postcard showing Valley St. businesses.

Other business: Fred reported on the start of Architecture Week. The portable display is 17 20x60" panels we might use during the Batteau Festival or Jamesfest. Lillian is working on

spaces for this. Fred reported on meeting with Ludwig Kuttner and Pam Stevens on the Dollar General store building. They will be applying for exterior renovation, as well as building three apartments upstairs. Barry reported on the Streetscape timetable and work by the gas company on Main St.

With no further business, we adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Klippstein, Secretary