

OXFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2008

A special meeting of the Oxford Historic District Commission was called to order by the chairman, George Gaffney, on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services building to discuss permit application #08-03 of Suzanne Litty and James Foster at 107 Tilghman Street to renovate their existing house, add a two story addition in the rear of the house and two one story additions of a side porch and mechanical room.

Other commission members in attendance were David Baker, Heinrich Schmitz, and Dorothy Fenwick.

Mrs. Litty explained to the commission that her architect, Tim Kearns, drew up a different plan for the handling of the shed roof over the new addition. Mr. Kearns, in his drawing, suggested using cedar shingles in order to break up the addition. Mr. Baker stated that he liked the use of the shingles as they definitely made the old part of the house stand out. Mr. Schmitz expressed his dismay about the solution and stated he would have preferred a hip roof. He added that as seen from the street, the addition on to the existing house would create a look in which all the walls are in one plane so that it would appear as one big mass. Mr. Baker suggested that the return should be more definitive and the same width as the fascia board. Mr. Baker made a motion that the commission accept the application with the notation that the return on the new part be a little more significant. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fenwick with a vote of two to one with Mr. Baker and Mrs. Fenwick having a yea vote and Mr. Schmitz voting nay.

Prior to adjourning, Mrs. Fenwick asked about the Ruffled Duck Inn and whether or not they were supposed to have taken out their skylight that they had put in without approval from the commission. Mr. Baker informed the committee that the owners were appealing their skylight. Mrs. Fenwick suggested that the commission write a letter to the Board of Appeals stating the reasons why they voted against the skylight and apply to it the corresponding minutes and photographs that pertain to the skylight. Mr. Gaffney stated he would put the information together.

Mrs. Fenwick announced that real estate agent Ray Stevens had contacted the property owner of 102 Tilghman Street about what was discussed at the historic commission's last meeting and times when the commission would meet with her. Mrs. Selden, through Mrs. Fenwick, sent her thanks to the commission for helping to address her problems.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby
Assistant Clerk

