

OXFORD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES

AUGUST 7, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Oxford Historic District Commission was called to order by the chairman, Thomas Costigan, on Monday, August 7, 2017, at 5 p.m., in the meeting room of the Oxford Community Services Building.

Other commission members in attendance were James Deerin, and Jennifer Stanley.

The minutes of the meeting of July 10, 2017 were approved and accepted as distributed.

The following building permits were reviewed by the commission:

1. Permit #17-55, Heather Angiletta, 208 South Street, enhancement of aesthetic of front of house including: 1) dove gray shutters, 2) paint front door red, 3) railing on front porch, and 4) paint floor of front porch. Ms. Angiletta presented the members of the commission with samples of the various items she was proposing to do to the front of her house. The members were all agreeable to the color chosen for the front door, the railing proposed for the front porch, and the paint color chosen for the floor of the front porch. Discussion did take place concerning the type of shutters that Ms. Angiletta was looking to install. Mr. Costigan thought the sample provided looked to be fiberglass. Ms. Angiletta stated that she believed she was told the material for the shutters would be vinyl. Mr. Costigan pointed out that the problem with vinyl shutters is that they are very light and tend to bang and that committee discourages shutters that are screwed directly onto the outside siding of houses within the historic district. Ms. Angiletta responded that her contractor would be installing the shutters with the proper hardware. Mr. Costigan specified that the shutters would need to be put on with hinges and shutter dogs. Though the committee did agree that the color gray that Ms. Angiletta had chosen would be suitable they all agreed that she should return to them with specifications on an alternative, heavier shutter. A motion was made by Mr. Deerin to approve the color of the shutters but with the understanding that the applicant would come back before the commission with specifications for an alternative, heavier shutter and that the front door color shown, the railing on the front porch and the painting of the concrete floor of the front porch dove gray be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stanley and unanimously carried with all in favor. Mr. Costigan asked the applicant if she was planning on having railings installed going up from the steps leading onto her porch as well. He pointed out that if she had 3 steps leading up to the porch that she would have to have rails as in order to meet the building code. He closed with adding that if Ms. Angiletta could get some information on a more upgraded shutter into the town office, the commission would be willing to expedite their review of that request.
2. Permit #17-56, David and Elizabeth Bruce, 222 South Street, repaint front door and shutters. Though neither one of the applicants were present to discuss their application, a sample of the paint color that Mr. and Mrs. Bruce wanted to use on their front door and shutters was provided. Currently the owner's front door and shutters are painted red. The applicants requested that the commission approve their choice of the Benjamin Moore paint color "Jamestown Blue" for their door and shutters. A motion was made by Mrs. Stanley made a

motion to approve the paint color as provided for 222 South Street. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried with all in favor.

3. Permit #17-57, Chris Kalinski, 302 N. Morris Street, wooden, white Oxford style fence around the yard facing Morris and Tilghman Streets. Mrs. Kalinski was present to discuss the application. Mrs. Kalinski explained that she was looking to install a 4' Oxford style fence with 3 gates on her property. She mentioned that there were parts of very old fencing running down towards Tilghman Street and along the back of her property that she would like to remove. Mr. Costigan suggested she contact the neighbors behind her property just to make sure that the fence there didn't belong to them as he did not want to give her a directive to go ahead and tear it down. Mr. Deerin made a motion to approve the installation of the fence as shown on the drawing, 48" high, subject to the applicant getting clearance from the neighbor or the town to tear down the old fence. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stanley and unanimously carried.

This concluded the review of building permits.

A consultation was held with residential designer, Timothy Kearns, regarding the property at 211 N. Morris Street, owned by Marybeth Guerreri, who is looking to enclose her existing screen porch, which faces the Tred Avon River, with glass. Mr. Kearns explained that on the west side of the house there is a porch that was added a few years ago supported by 10' x 12' posts and that within those posts there is a phantom screening system. Ms. Guerreri would like to maintain that screening system but would also like to close in the porch. Mr. Kearns noted that the Marvin window manufacturer offers a sliding panel system which the property owner is considering that would be installed behind the existing posts. Plans also include aligning the sides of this area to more of a 45 degree angle along with redoing the trims and swinging doors on either side of the porch. It was pointed out that this house was built in the 1970's and that it does have modern windows in it. None of the members present had any objection to ideas presented by Mr. Kearns.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Willoughby
Assistant Clerk