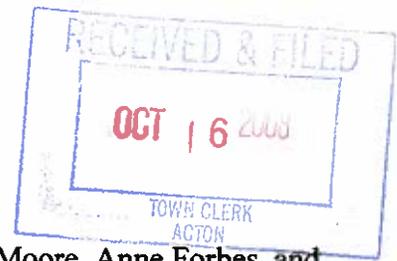


Acton Historic District Commission  
2/19/2008 Meeting minutes



Brian Bendig, Kathryn Acerbo-Bachmann, David Honn, Aaron Moore, Anne Forbes, and Michaela Moran in attendance. Ellie Halsey, Terra Friedrichs, Scott Kutil, and Tom Peterman absent.

7:45pm Application #0801: Harry Tinseth, representing the American Legion.- Sign for West Acton -Sidney J. Edwards Square-bronze 6" by 25" with scroll on the top. Original 1924 sign was stolen/ or disappeared. Lowest cost for a bronze replacement is \$1700. Walter Enright of SignRight, Inc., has proposed two different signs of painted aluminum at \$800.00, 9" by 30". The American Legion would like to rededicate on Memorial Day. HT will return to meet on the applicaton , 3/17 at 8pm. for application #0801. No fee.

8:00pm Application #0802: Jennifer Friedman, West Acton Citizens Library, Dean Charter, Jerry Brown and Nancy Lenichek from the board. The work that will be proposed for CPA funds at the April Town Meeting includes: WACL building to be scraped , repaired and painted. Shutters on the front which are plastic will be removed, front door will be restored, front step will be granite to replace brick. Much of the budget is allotted to window restoration. One window will be replaced- a non original window which is not viewed from the public way. The vents on the side of the building from the old heating system will be removed and the walls repaired. Entrance will be cleaned up and painted. At the Pearl Street entrance, the step (brick over concrete) will be replaced with a wider granite piece. The oval arched opening will be opened as a covered porch with a brick floor. The walls under the porch will be shiplap horizontal boards. The door for under the open porch has not been chosen yet. The two-panel door inside the porch area which leads to the office may be an original Greek Revival door. It was suggested that the original door which is not energy efficient be placed on the shed area where efficiency is not so important. BB proposed that no public hearing be held because the bulk of the work is restoration. #0802 No fee. Review of the application will be taken up at the meeting on 3/17/08 at 8:30pm. Information on the proposed new door is still to come in.

8:45pm Yuan Yao, 271-77 Central St., update and continued review on app. 0739 , Sign revision height change: reduced to 40" , width 36" , name was removed from the sign. Elevator update-applicant had to take their case for an interior lift to the state architectural access board, will go on the agenda with them for mid-March. Mr. Dempsey, of the state board, did contact BB for more information. Window update-Shoemaker, Inc., gave the applicant a new quote for a custom wood window, no glass size mentioned. More information is needed. BB asked the applicant to request that the window maker be present to explain his quote to us. If the window provider can give the name of the window factory and the product line we can check their web site for the necessary information. BB will ask TP to send a list of requirements to the window provider. Missing information: Dimensions of stiles, rails, and muntins, true divided lights or snap in grid, sash-replacement or full window unit, etc. Vent update –units the same but the dimensions on the submitted image of the façade have been corrected to

reflect the true 42 x 14" size. The grid cover is made with a factory finish to match the color of the building.

BB proposes to approve the sign design, the vent grill design but the whole certificate includes portions on which we still await information (eg. windows). The commission supports the sign as changed and the "architectural-style" vents, as characterized in the corrected illustration. Based on the revised information submitted at this meeting, BB then moved to approve the portions of the application 0739 related to the projecting sign, and to the exterior vents with Conditions that 1. the "architectural" style be used 2. no trim will be placed around the vent. 3. vents to be painted the same color as the clapboards 4. existing non-functional vents be removed , 5. the clapboards to be , installed in place of the removed vents. and 6. that there are no visible drain lines. KA seconded, motion passed unanimously. The window portion of the application is deferred to the next meeting with the applicant. The exterior elevator portion has been withdrawn.

9:45pm Doug and Stephanie Parker, 276 Arlington St. (amendment to COA 0726) for change to the previously-approved deck railing to provide more privacy. BB moved and AM seconded to approve the change in style proposed by the applicant as submitted. Unanimously approved.

81 River St. – New conceptual site plan circulated along with a summary of structural notes on the mill building. Builders still need to come in with garage doors, front doors on the single family homes.

AF reported on a memo from Roland Bartl re the CPC recommendation for funding the Exchange Hall project before them. He asked if HDC thought an independent consultant (architect) should be funded for peer-review oversight of the project.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michaela Moran". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "M".

Michaela Moran,  
Secretary.