

NASHUA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Thursday, 25 February 2008, 6:30 p.m. – Room 208, City Hall

Members:

Michael Findley
Frank Mellen
Bill Slivinski
Michael Tamposi
Randy Wilbert

Also present:

Carter Falk, Planning Department

6 Concord Street – Sheet 67, Lot 59, Property Account #7438 – RC Zone – Requesting to construct a handicap ramp

Robert Rodrique – owner

93 Concord Street – Sheet 47, Lot 37, Property Account #25478 – RA Zone – Requesting to remove a window and replace with a larger window

Eric Morrow, contractor, Dunstable MA

6 Concord Street

The applicant, Mr. Rodrique, was previously at the January 2008 meeting. Tonight he submitted a revised drawing of the ramp and a picture of the indented area in the rear of the building. He would like to install a ramp and entrance at the rear of the building (the west side of the building) by changing a window to a 36" x 80" 6-panel steel door. The existing window is about 20" wide and a new 6" lental would be added above the proposed door. The gutter downspout will be relocated. Drawings were not submitted for the door. To match the other doors, the trim would be gray and the door red. The proposed pressure-treated wood ramp would look similar to the ramp at the Historical Society building, of which he submitted a picture. The new 1:12 ratio ramp will have a gray stain once the wood cures and a 5' x 5' platform next to the new door. The 3' wide ramp would be about 1' away from the granite foundation, as Mr. Rodrique does not want to destroy the foundation. It would have iron railings on both sides that would be a rusty-red color to match the brick.

Since the applicant only was previously going to add a ramp, he will now need to come back before the commission and the project re-advertised since a new doorway will be added. Mr. Findley suggested the height of the door frame match the existing window height to make things consistent. He also suggested a transom be added above the door to increase the height of the door frame. Mr. Rodrique agreed with the idea and will come back to the next meeting with more detailed drawings for the new door and ramp.

With Mr. Slivinski making the motion and Mr. Findley seconding, the proposed ramp was unanimously denied due to the project being expanded. The applicant will come back to the March 24, 2008 meeting.

93 Concord Street

Kenneth and Patricia Brunini are the owners. Mr. Morrow, the contractor, would like to remove one window and replace it with a larger window. A picture of that side of the house was submitted. The existing flat window is smaller than the original window and has a flower box underneath it. The house has replacement windows. The new window would be an oriel window, which is a style similar to a bay window, but typically has a larger window in the front and individual windows on the side. It would have a hip roof, shingles to match, and corbels

similar to those existing near the roof would be located under the window. The height of the window would be a little bit taller than the existing window. He showed a picture of a window similar to one that is proposed. Specs and drawings were not included for the proposed window.

The members said the area was not that visible from the street. Since there already is a porch, stairs and window box existing on that side of the house, they felt it would not extend that far out. They also felt the window would be more in tune with the style of the house.

With Mr. Findley making the motion and Mr. Wilbert seconding, the proposed window was approved as presented. Mr. Slivinski abstained.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.