

Minutes
Historic District Commission
Wednesday, June 27, 2012
7:00pm
Lower Hearing Room
Adopted July 25, 2012

Members Present: Kenneth Sheytanian, Carolyn Famiglietti, John Hecker, Harvey Steiner, Linda Sternberg

Members Absent: Robert Childs,

Staff Present: Christopher Hayward, Daphne Collins

Public Present: (See Sign-In Form)

Steiner chaired.

1. Informational/Discussion – Consideration of enlarging the Mt. Auburn Historic District for the purpose of including 270 Mt. Auburn Street

Sternberg reported that she spoke to Victoria Carter, the Chair of the Watertown Historic District Study Committee who was not sure if 270 Mt. Auburn was intended for inclusion or not in the district. Carter informed her that Common Street Cemetery was to be included but wasn't in the final district delineation. Carter suggested reviewing the minutes of the Study Committee. The Preservation Office does not have any Study Committee minute records.

Famiglietti does not support the pursuit of expanding the HD for a single property and singling out an individual property owner.

Steiner suggested including other adjoining properties in a future Historic District Study. Famiglietti suggested removing the issue from the Agenda and not to pursue the matter.

Vote: Sheytanian moved to remove the consideration of enlarging the Mt. Auburn Historic District to include 270 Mt. Auburn Street. Hecker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Public Hearing – Certificate of Appropriateness – 39 Marshall Street – to replace the glazed upper panels of the front door with stain glass panels.
Applicant/Owner: Franklin Vairinhos

Frank Vairinhos, 39 Marshall Street, reported that his property was built in 1884 and that he wanted to replace the frosted and plain glass panels of his front door with a stain glass panel designed by a stained glass artist.

Hecker did not think that the stain glass design proposed was consistent with the house or with door lights of that period. Hecker noted that door lights of that period were either frosted with etches or simple color stain glass. Steiner agreed and suggested a simpler pattern. The HD suggested that Vairinhos check other buildings in the area for door light

ideas. Hecker offered to provide titles of period stain glass pattern books. Access to the Preservation Office's reference materials was offered.

The item was continued to next month to allow Vairinhos to submit changes to his proposal.

3. May Minutes – Adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm