

Minutes
Historic District Commission
Wednesday, July 25, 2012
7:00pm
Lower Hearing Room
Adopted August 22, 2012

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

Members Absent: Robert Childs,

Staff Present: Daphne Collins

Public Present: (See Sign-In Form)

Steiner chaired.

1. Public Hearing Continuance – 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 he wanted the door panes to match and was selecting plain glass since it would be easy to replace.

Vote: Sternberg moved to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of the door lights to be plain glass. Sheytanian seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. June Minutes – Adopted.

3. Old Business

- a) **Signage** – no progress.

4. New Business

- a) **917 Belmont Street** – Steiner reported that 917 Belmont Street, a circa 1832 Greek Revival house on the local and MHC historic inventories, was proposed for demolition by the property owner. He reported that the Historic Commission found it to be preferably preserved and imposed a 6 month demolition delay with an option to extend it to up to a year. Steiner proposed that the HDC investigate creating a one-structure historic district for the property. The HDC agreed to meet August 8th at 6:30pm to discuss the matter further. Collins will reserve a room and post the meeting. Members were to contact their Town Councilors for support of the district concept.

Collins informed the HDC that the Historical Society of Watertown was applying to place 917 Belmont Street in the Commonwealth's Most Endangered Historical Resources (MER) list.

Vote: Sternberg voted to submit a letter of support for placing 917 Belmont Street on the MER list. Sheytanian seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm