

Minutes

Historic District Commission

Thursday, May 28, 2008

7:00p.m.

3rd Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Steiner, Chairman; Sternberg, Martocchia, Carter

Staff Present: Hayward, Collins

Public Present: See Attached Sign –In Form

1. April Minutes

Approved

2. Public Hearing Continuance– Certificate of Appropriateness – 80 Mount Auburn Street - Signage Replacement, Trustees of St. John’s United Methodist Church

Hayward reported that the Project Manager for the project has changed and that the new project manager requested a continuance to the next HDC meeting.

Vote: Martocchia moved to continue 80 Mount Auburn Street Signage Replacement to the June 25th HDC meeting. Carter seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Hearing Continuance– Certificate of Appropriateness –113-135 Mount Auburn Street, to remove all existing decayed and damaged store fronts and replace them with new store fronts, windows, doors and awnings, MACM, LLC.

Hayward reported that the property owner decided to preserve the existing upper store front windows that were revealed when they were uncovered. Hayward informed that the property owner has removed the existing Sakura Massage awnings and replaced it with awnings as approved under the existing Certificate of Appropriateness. Hayward indicated that Sakura Massage wording will remain as approved under the Town sign permit that was issued to Sakura Massage by the Zoning and Planning Board. Hayward reminded the HC that wording was not under the purview of the HDC. Martocchia supported providing the owner with some latitude regarding the awning since the HDC has already approved awnings in the existing CA.

4. Old Business

Signage – Mass Historic List Serve compilation of historic district signage/markers was forwarded to all the members for examples for the Mt. Auburn District.

Steiner suggested that Hayward and he meet with Mee to find out the DPW's signage production capability.

5. New Business

Fowle House – it was reported that the dedication of the Fowle House was successful and well attended. The house will be available for events. The Historical Society of Watertown is coordinating bookings through the Commander's Mansion. A possible HDC website link with the Society was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.