



Town of Danvers Preservation Commission

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Daniel Bennett, Select Board
Corinne Doherty, Zoning Board
Louis George, Planning Board
Dan Gagnon
Sandra Lane
Diane Amato

Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 12 @ 5:00 p.m. Danvers Town Hall Toomey Room 1 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA

The meeting convened at 5:00 PM with members Daniel Bennett, Louis George, Dan Gagnon, Sandy Lane and Corinne Doherty.

Staff members Aaron Henry and Shannon O'Leary attended the meeting.

1. Meeting Minute Approval

Louis George motioned the November 10, 2022 meeting minutes be approved and was seconded by Sandy Lane.

2. Discussion

22 Doty Avenue

The applicant/property owner spoke about the proposed demolition of the existing garage structure, and proposing a new garage constructed in its place.

Corinne Doherty, Dan Gagnon, and Sandy Lane had no questions.

Louis George asked the applicant if he was leaving any of the walls up. The applicant replied No.

Daniel Bennett read in the brief description provided by Mr. Trask. A copy of the description can be found at Town Hall located in the Inspectional Services Department at 1 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923

A motion to determine the garage is NOT historically significant was made Louis George and was seconded by Sandy Lane.

Daniel Bennett, Louis George, Dan Gagnon, Sandy Lane and Corinne Doherty all in favor.

Special Requests

Historic District Commissions Final Report for 42 Summer Street – Commission to discuss whether or not to take a position.

Dan Gagnon provided the board and those in attendance a timeline of events from the beginning to where they are currently today regarding 42 Summer Street. Mr. Gagnon noted the Historic District Commission would love to save the property and is suggesting a single historic district lot. The owner has been working with the Historic board and is in support of the single front lot.

Bill Bradstreet asked about the driveway/easement.

Aaron Henry spoke about the possible easement for emergency use should the Memory Care be expanded. The deed would note an easement.

Betsy Gadbois of 12 Summer Street provided the board letters of support and signatures for 42 Summer Street. Mrs. Gadbois is a current Historic Board member and neighbor.

The homeowner of 49 Summer Street is in support of the single historic district.

Daniel Bennett read in the letters of support. The letters can be found in the Inspectional Services Department at 1 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923.

Bill Bradstreet asked the board if a letter from the preservation board would help. Mr. Bennett stated that he is not sure if it would have any impact or impression but, we have the opportunity to continue to work to preserve the historic home.

Corinne Doherty asked if there are any grants or special funding to help assist the owners preserve their homes. Mr. Bennett noted that the grants and special funding are extremely difficult and rare. Mr. Gagnon stated Mr. Trask had provided documents and contacts to the owner of 42 Summer Street on those specializing with homes needing preservation.

Louis George motioned to support the final report for 42 Summer Street. The Preservation Commission supports the request from the Historic District Commission that the select board place on the warrant article the single proposed Historic District for 42 Summer Street.

The motion was seconded by Sandy Lane.

Dan Gagnon, Louis George, Sandy Lane, and Corinne Doherty all in favor.

Daniel Bennett abstains from the decision making due to being a member on the Danvers Select Board.

The meeting adjourned 5:35 p.m.