

BILLERICA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES

July 3, 2024

A meeting of the Billerica Historic District Commission was held on Wednesday July 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in room 205 in the Town Hall. This meeting is recorded.

Present: David Gagliardi, Chairman; Travis Brown, Vice Chairman; Mary McBride, Secretary; Richard Hawes, Member; Dan Valentine, Alt Member; Katherine Malgieri, Sr. Planner; and Joyce MacMillan, Recording Clerk

Via Zoom: Michael Rea, Member; and Mary Jones, Alt Member

Excused: John McKenna, Member; George Simolaris, Member; Matthew Ahern, Alt Member; Kathy Meagher, Alt Member; and Tina Pesiridis, Alt Member

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gagliardi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Jones was having technical issues with her computer and/or zoom and was unable to ask questions or vote.

REORGANIZATION:

Chairman

Mary McBride seconded by Travis Brown, made a motion to nominate David Gagliardi as Chairman.

A roll call vote was taken

It was voted 6-0:

Michael Rea-Ayr
Travis Brown-Aye
Mary McBride-Aye
Dan Valentine-Aye
Richard Hawes-Aye
David Gagliardi-Aye

Vice Chair

Mary McBride, seconded by Richard Hawes, made a motion to nominate Travis Brown as Vice Chairman.

A roll call vote was taken

It was voted 6-0:

Michael Rea-Ayr
Travis Brown-Aye
Mary McBride-Aye
Dan Valentine-Aye
Richard Hawes-Aye
David Gagliardi-Aye

Secretary

Richard Hawes, seconded by Dan Valentine, made a motion to nominate Mary McBride as Secretary

A roll call vote was taken
It was voted 6-0:

Michael Rea-Ayr
Travis Brown-Aye
Mary McBride-Aye
Dan Valentine-Aye
Richard Hawes-Aye
David Gagliardi-Aye

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

APPLICATIONS:

8 Cummings St – Stoop repair – App#2024-12(m)

Mr. and Mrs. Bunting provided the group with a copy of their PowerPoint presentation prior to the meeting. They went over their presentation which showed the damage to the stoop area they would like to repair and how they plan on repairing it.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. The members were for the updated repairs. Glad it will be safe for use and will be tied into the original posts.

Richard Hawes, seconded by Mary McBride, made a motion to approve Application #2024-12 (m).

A roll call vote was taken
It was voted 6-0:

Michael Rea-Ayr
Travis Brown-Aye
Mary McBride-Aye
Dan Valentine-Aye
Richard Hawes-Aye
David Gagliardi-Aye

27 Wilson St – Garage Addition – App #2024-## (i) – Demases DeFritas, Owners and Christopher Russ, Architect

This is an informal meeting for Mr. DeFritas. He and Mr. Christopher Russ of Christopher Russ Architects, 580 Farm Road, Marlborough, MA wanted to go over their plans with the commission to see what they could and could not do. They did send a copy of the plans to the commission prior to the meeting. The house was built around the 1870's. The garage would be attached to the home via a breezeway.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. They plan to use the same material as the house. The garage door will be composite material but will look like wood. A member suggested the garage doors have that barn door look. Katherine explained what Mr. DeFritas' next steps should be.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Train Station update

Katherine updated the commission on the North Billerica Train station. The Select Board is not interested in purchasing the building in its current condition.

Minutes: Approval of May 8, 2024, minutes

Richard Hawes, seconded by Dan Valentine, made a motion to approve the minutes of May 8, 2024.

A roll call vote was taken

It was voted 4-0-2:

Michael Rea-Ayr
Travis Brown-Aye
Mary McBride-Abstain
Dan Valentine-Aye
Richard Hawes-Aye
David Gagliardi-Abstain

2 Lowell St

Not sure if this property is in the district, but they are working on the property and have not come before the commission. Will look into the property to see if they are with the historic district,

ADJOURNMENT:

Richard Hawes, seconded by Mary McBride, made a motion to adjourn.

A roll call vote was taken

It was voted 6-0:

Michael Rea-Ayr
Travis Brown-Aye
Mary McBride-Aye
Dan Valentine-Aye
Richard Hawes-Aye
David Gagliardi-Aye

Chairman Gagliardi adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Joyce MacMillan, Recording Clerk