

**BILLERICA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**September 25, 2024**

A meeting of the Billerica Historic District Commission was held on Wednesday September 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in room 210 in the Town Hall. This meeting is recorded.

**Present:** David Gagliardi, Chairman; Mary McBride, Secretary; Richard Hawes, Member; Michael Rea, Member; George Simolaris, Member; Dan Valentine, Alt Member; Katherine Malgieri, Sr. Planner; and Joyce MacMillan, Recording Clerk  
**absent:** Travis Brown, Vice Chairman; John McKenna, Member; Kathy Meagher, Alt Member; Mary Jones, Alt Member; and Tina Pesiridis, Alt Member

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

**APPLICATIONS:**

**44 Colson St – Minor – App #2024-13 – Owner 44 Colson St realty Trust**  
The applicant seeks to vinyl side the house and trim with Certain Teed Main Street Siding.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. Will the siding have the wood look on it? Yes. There is a sample picture attached to the application, and it does look like it is a wood-look to it. What about the window casings, what material will you be using there?

Michael Rea, seconded by Mary McBride, made a motion to accept application #2024-13.

It was voted:

6 – In favor  
0 – Opposed

**23 Talbot Ave – Minor – App #2024-14 – Owner Michael Conway**

The applicant seeks to replace existing siding with insulated vinyl siding. The applicant, Mr. Conway, explained what is currently on the exterior is mostly vinyl with aluminum on the back side. The copy of the application also provided pictures of the house, a listing of everything that will be removed and a listing of what it will all be replaced with.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. What is presently on the house? Vinyl siding with aluminum siding on the back. What kind of vinyl siding will you be using? Cedar Tech, Triple 6 Greystone Flat with white

corner posts. When will you be starting this project? We are ready to go, just waiting for approval.

Michael Rea, seconded by Richard Hawes, made a motion to accept application #2024-14.

It was voted:

6 – In favor  
0 – Opposed

Michael Rea, seconded by Mary McBride, made a motion to open the Public Hearing.

It was voted:

6 – In favor  
0 – Opposed

**42 Talbot Ave - Major – APP# 2024-15 – Owner Terry and Colleen Moore**

The applicant is looking to replace existing aluminum siding and trim with new vinyl siding, replace existing front and rear entry and storm doors with new front and rear entry and storm doors, replace existing windows with new windows, enclose right rear and back left side of house, replace existing brick front steps with composite wood steps, and build new rear porch and steps made from composite wood.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. Will the siding have the wood grain look? It will, it is CertainTeed vinyl, Wedgewood blue. What are you replacing the windows with? Windows will be like for like, all the doors and windows will be from Harvey. Are the concrete steps coming out? Yes. What are you doing with the bedroom windows? They will be the same, just new.

Chairman Gagliardi asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to comment on this application. No one came forward.

Michael Rea, seconded by Mary McBride, made a motion to close the Public Hearing.

It was voted:

6 – In favor  
0 – Opposed

Michael Rea, seconded by George Simolaris, made a motion to approve application #2024-15.

It was voted:

6 – In favor  
0 – Opposed

**373 Boston Road - Minor – APP# 2024-16 – owner D & K Realty**

The applicants would like to replace the existing deteriorated decks on the parking lot side of the house. The main deck is in rough shape structurally and is a safety concern. They would like to stay with the composite deck and would consider vinyl railings if allowed. The railings are currently pressured treated wood.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. Vinyl railings would look better. Frames will still be pressure treated wood. Yes.

Michael Rea, seconded by Richard Hawes, made a motion to accept application #2024-16.

It was voted:

6 – In favor  
0 – Opposed

**7 Concord Road - Minor – APP# 2024-17 – First Parish Church**  
Emergency repair.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. There were no questions.

Michael Rea, seconded by Mary McBride, made a motion to accept application #2024-17.

It was voted:

6 – In favor  
0 – Opposed

**Gazebo Presentation – Informal - Mark LaLumiere, Building Commissioner**

Mr. LaLumiere brought forth one design with a ramp that would wrap around the structure. The ramp would be hidden by manicured shrubbery. Kathy Meagher, the Library Reference, and Local History Specialist, did a lot of research on the gazebo. The only part of the gazebo that is original is its roof. Back in 1960 the Board of Selectmen voted to tear it down. If a design is approved, the Shawsheen Tech High School would be on board to tackle the project but there is nothing official yet.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions and concerns. A few of the commission believe it should be on the ground, remove the legs altogether. Also suggested, have it up about a foot off the ground or maybe a pull put ramp. Their main concern is accessibility. Once a design is approved here, the next step would be to bring it before the Architectural Board. The group asked Mr. LaLumiere to come back with a design on the ground.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Miscellaneous Correspondence:**

Neon Signs update – Katherine Malgieri – We are still on hold, waiting for Town Counsel. With the Chairs authority, a draft can be presented for a cease-and-desist order and have it looked at by Tow Counsel. Or possibly send out a courtesy notice from the Historic District Commission. Maybe each member of the commission would email Katherine with their list of violators.

**Minutes: Approval of August 7, 2024, minutes**

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT:**

George Simolaris, seconded by Mary McBride, made a motion to adjourn.

It was voted:

6 – In favor

0 – Opposed

Chairman Gagliardi adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

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Joyce MacMillan, Recording Clerk