



Meeting Date: February 25, 2019

In Attendance: Kelly Kessler, Carol Tener, Greg Blasi, Robert Wendel, Jennifer Jaruzelski, Tom Jardim (Town Attorney)

Absent: Maria Boyes, Michael LaPlace, Alison Dallenbach-Carey, Katie Spikes, Linda Habgood

1/28/2019 meeting minutes reviewed and approved by the Commission.

New Business

1. Continuation of Public Hearing on Major Application for 322 Lawrence Ave.

Architect David Bailey, Forefront Designs, and homeowner Ed Reverdy were sworn in by Tom Jardim.

- David Bailey presented a revised set of plans incorporating changes from the previous meeting
- The addition is now slightly narrower and shallower to conform to required setback from garage
- New double hung windows were added to match windows on front dormer
- Triangular dormers were changed to rectangular to match existing Shed dormer and window; half-round window over rear door now rectangular
- Clapboard siding with continuous band now runs from old to new addition
- 9x10" raised deck now steps down to ground level extension
- Grille pattern from front porch incorporated into rails of raised deck

Kelly opened the discussion to the Commission for comments:

- Greg Blasi noted that the new windows are much larger and not in scale & proportion of the original home or neighboring houses
- Rear gable window is especially large and out of proportion
- Robert Wendel also expressed concern with size of rear gable window.

Kelly opened the meeting to public comment:

- Debbie Burslem, 250 Kimball Ave., also stated desire for windows to match existing home and noted that historic designation should allow some leeway for variances if required
- Kelly closed the discussion to public comment.

Architect David Bailey proposed making changes as follows:

- Change large window in rear gable to two smaller windows, similar in size & proportion to existing shed window
- Two large windows on either side of addition to be changed to 3 windows in same proportion as Dining Room with muntin patterns to match original
- Shed dormer on side would be same width as new windows

Kelly moved to table the application until revised plans could be submitted. *The motion was approved unanimously. The application will be heard again at the March 25th meeting.*

Ed Reverdy requested an interim meeting, which was agreed to by Kelly and Tom, as long there was not a quorum of Commission members present.



2. HPC Designation of the Reeve House and Triangle Park

Reeves House

Robert Wendel presented his report on the history of the Reeve family and property, noting it is a “shining example of the Italianate style” which the Westfield Historical Society has restored at significant expense.

Kelly opened to commission for comments; hearing none she opened it to the public.

- Micki Hogan, 325 Mountain Ave., asked if the neighborhood is designated or just the house? Commission clarified that only the Reeve house & property is designated.
- Nancy Priest, 11 Kimball Circle, noted that the Reeve house is already on the national and state registers, so it is very apropos that it be locally designated. She inquired if a plaque is available for designated properties. Kelly noted that they are in the budget request.

Kelly closed the public discussion.

Rob Wendel made a motion to approve the report as submitted with minor revision to change “Revolutionary cemetery” to read “Burial Grounds of the Presbyterian church.”

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The report will now move to the Planning Board for designation.

Triangle Park

Robert presented his report on Triangle Park, the first park in Westfield’s park system.

Hearing no comments from the Commission, Kelly opened to the public.

- Juha Korpela, 303 Walnut Street, asked the what impact of historic designation on the surrounding residents. Commission clarified only park is included.
- Debbie Burslem asked about the boundaries of the designation. Robert clarified they go to the curb, following the tax map.

Kelly closed the public discussion. *Greg Blasi moved that the report be approved, and it was unanimously passed.*

Tom Jardim noted that a Resolution now needs to be written proposing the Reeve House and Triangle Park as historically designated properties.

Old Business

1. Jennifer Jaruzelski provided an update on the Devlin Awards. This year’s awards program will include an art & writing contest for middle & senior high students. Deadline for entries for the student contest and preservation awards is April 15.

Kelly opened the meeting to Public

- Andrew Stillufsen, 667 Fourth Ave. (the Matthias Sayre house) asked about updates to the Historic Preservation ordinance, if drafts were available and how he can be kept apprised.

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 pm.

Meeting minutes recorded by Jennifer Jaruzelski, acting Secretary