

Billerica Historic Districts Commission

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Attendance: Michael Rea, Chair, Bill Bulens, Vice Chair, Mary McBride, John McKenna, Carl Herrmann and Barbara Flaherty. Dave Gagliardi, excused.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by the Chair.

Middlesex Canal Museum and Visitors Center – Public Hearing – 7 p.m.

Mary McBride motioned to open the Public Hearing and the second was made by Bill Bulens. Unanimous.

Betty Bigwood, from the Middlesex Canal Commission presented the proposal for the renovation of the property at 2 Old Elm Street for use as the Middlesex Canal Museum. The project will be conducted in phases. The first phase will include replacing the roof, repointing all the brick work, new windows and doors and the addition of an exterior vestibule and a rear observation deck. They will also be installing skylights on the rear roof and vestibule as well.

Brick work: Ed Dolliver a local mason who lives near the site and does historic restoration will be repointing the brick, repairing the corbelling and readying the top for acceptance of trusses. He will break through the brick for two new entrances as well.

Roof: Twin-Metals of Billerica will be installing Dark Gray asphalt shingles to the new roof.

Windows: Wilmington Building Supply will be supplying white aluminum clad windows with glued muttins inside and outside with shadow bar. Possibly Geld-Wen or Marvin.

Skylights: These will be installed on the North side of the roof and on the back side of the vestibule roof. They will be operable except for the vestibule one and will be a dark color to blend with the roof. Velux will be the manufacturer.

Doors: Four raised panel doors and a double glass French Door at the observation deck on east side will be dark green in color.

Observation Deck: Overlooking the Summit Pond with two double glass doors with transom and without muntins. White exterior. The deck will be of a composite material. Railing to be approved at a later date.

Carl suggested matching the pitch of the vestibule roof to the existing roof. It was agreed that that was a good idea.

Mary McBride made a motion to close the public hearing. Second by Bill Bulens. Unanimous.

A motion by Bill Bulens to approve as major the restoration of 2 Old Elm Street for use as the Middlesex Canal Museum subject to review at a later date of the bridge, railings and shutters was seconded by Mary McBride. Unanimous.

7:55 23 Salem Road – Discussion of construction of a new dwelling.

The proponents presented a slide show demonstrating the location and design of a new home being proposed for 23 Salem Road. The proponents will be going before the Board of Appeals for a variance of lot size. They will come back to the Historic Districts Commission after that is approved with a formal application for approval. The Commission liked the proposal and applauded the applicant for the thoroughness of his presentation.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. by Mary McBride, second by John McKenna. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted.

Barbara Flaherty

Secretary