ST. BOTOLPH ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION District COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Boston City Hall, Piemonte Room
Boston, MA, 02201

November 16, 2020

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:  F.Eli, R. Henderson, D. Miller, B. Wennerholm,

STAFF PRESENT: Nicholas Armata, Senior Preservation Planner

5:15 PM Commissioner Elise called the public hearing to order.

I. DESIGN

APP # 21.0374 SB  116 ST. BOTOLPH STREET
APPLICANT: Susie Clark
PROPOSED WORK: At rear el, remove existing roof deck and privacy fence to repair roof, then replace roof deck and privacy screen.

The applicant provided the details of the project which consist of replacing the EPDM roof at the rear of the structure as well as the wood privacy screen and roof deck. Currently, the deck has vertical wood planks and is being proposed as a horizontal wood plank fence. The proposed type of wood would be pressure treated pine. Staff had recommended that the wood fencing be cedar planks but the applicant indicated that there are budgetary constraints.

The Commission discussed the details of the project. The existing conditions of the project scope were unsightly, and this was an opportunity to correct the errors. There was some concern by the Commission of the choice of wood for the project. Pressure treated wood was thought to be inappropriate for this location. The Commission thought that cedar plank was more appropriate; but the applicant stressed again that cedar was cost prohibitive. The Commission ultimately decided to allow the pressure treated pine; but would like to see the wood painted in a color that would be approved by the Commission. Once the deck was built, the Commission will need to visit the site and select a paint color. The paint options are to be selected by staff ahead of the Commission site visit.

There was no public comment.

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In conclusion; the application was approved with the provisos that the wood is pressure treated wood, installed horizontally with paint options to be pre-selected by staff. Paint sample mock-ups will be set up on site for Commission selection.

F. ELISE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION, B. WENNERHOLM SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS: 4-0 (DM, FE, RH, and BW).

II. RATIFICATION OF 9/16/2020 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED 4-0 (FE, DM, RH, BW)

B. WENNERHOLM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES, R. HENDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS: 4-0 (FE, DM, RH, AND BW).

III. STAFF UPDATES

IV. ADJOURN: 6:13 PM