

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
DESIGN REVIEW AND PRESERVATION BOARD
Department of Planning, Conservation, and Development
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2020 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, City Hall

Call to order at 6:15pm. Brian Kronenberger chaired the meeting.

I. Public Comment for Items on the Agenda

Joyce Palsic state she once lived in the house at 319 Washington Terrace. She expressed dissatisfaction with the work being done on the building and the lack of preservation.

Jim Sarbo of the Middletown Preservation Trust is concerned overall with Wesleyan University with its lack of preservation of old homes. He notes that the Elsa House has been unused when new buildings are being planned.

II. New Business

No new business.

III. Old Business

319 Washington Terrace – Review of project and discussion on historical material reuse.

Mike Rosalie of Wesleyan University discussed the activity done on the building. The building was striped to the post and beams. They attempted to repurpose the sheathing by refitting it in between the posts and beams but the Building Inspector and Fire Marshal denied that. Mr. Rosalie requested assistance from the Board on finding another use of the sheathing.

Several board members expressed dissatisfaction and discontent with the actions of Wesleyan and the lack of effort for preserving old buildings. The board expressed that they were told that the exterior of the building was going to be preserved at the February 14, 2018 meeting.

The board expressed that it is not under their purview to address work or materials used on the interior of the building and has no recommendation for use of the sheathing on the interior of the building. They suggested saving the sheathing for another project in Middletown or selling it to someone who would want to reclaim the wood.

A motion to approved the cider siding was made by Harvey Cushing and seconded by Jammie Middleton was approved unanimously.

A motion to find found out the sequence of events for the activity done on the building and what responsibilities the Board has was made by Maria Madsen Holzberg and seconded by Jammie Middleton was unanimously adopted.

IV. Minutes

a. September 11, 2019

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2019 meeting was made by Harvey Cushing and seconded by Jammie Middletown was approved unanimously.

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a. October 9, 2019

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2019 meeting was made by Harvey Cushing and seconded by Jammie Middletown was approved unanimously with one abstention: Maria Madsen Holzberg.

IV. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

No additional public comment.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Maria Madsen Holzberg and seconded by Jammie Middleton was approved unanimously. Adjourned at 6:58pm.

DESIGN REVIEW & PRESERVATION BOARD MEMBERS

Chair- Jeff Bianco

Member- Maria Madsen Holzberg - PRESENT

Member- Harvey Cushing- PRESENT

Member- Brian Kronenberger - PRESENT

Member - Vacancy

Member- Bruce Plumley

Member- Marilyn Mills

Member- Molly Salafia

Member- Jammie Middleton- PRESENT

Member- Christina Wasch- PRESENT

Staff- Marek Kozikowski, AICP City Planner- PRESENT

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