

Town of Carlisle

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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes July 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order in the Heald Room at 8:10 a.m.

Members present: Kathy Keller (co-Chair), Annette Lee (co-Chair), Geoff Freeman, and Eric Adams.

Others Present: Sylvia Sillers (Concord St.), Police Chief John Fisher, Steve Hinton (East St.) and Wanda Avril (Carlisle Mosquito)

Application #19-06: Driveway resurfacing and rain diverter at 49 Concord St. – Sylvia Sillers

Co-Chair Keller reopened this continued public hearing, and the Commission discussed its site visit yesterday to view the location of the proposed driveway resurfacing. Commissioners first discussed the proposed installation of the 19-ft.long and 4.75 in. high copper rain diverter along the roof of the farmer's porch and centered over the front entrance of the residence. Mr. Freeman moved that the Commission approve the rain diverter as proposed in the application, Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously (4-0).

The Commission then discussed the proposed partial driveway resurfacing, based on yesterday's site visit. Members agreed that the proposed area inlay area should be rectangular, instead of the proposed trapezoidal dimension, with the width not to exceed 12 ft. and the length to be approximately 31 ft. on both sides, as measured from the edge of the existing granite curb at the top of the driveway which runs along the west edge of the area to be resurfaced. The driveway will not be regraded between the street and the leading edge of the granite curbing. The length of the granite curbing installed at the east side of the driveway will not exceed the length of the inlaid area. The Commission had confirmed from the applicant that the sloped granite border installed along all other edges of the inlay will match the existing granite curbing. A black plastic 9 in. x 9 in. corner drain (NDS900 BKT) will be inserted into the ground at the southeast corner of the inlaid area, and will connect to an existing in-ground drywell. It was also agreed that the inlay area will be flush with the ground.

Mr. Freeman moved that the Commission approve application # 19-06 for Sylvia Sillers for installation of the rain diverter and partial driveway resurfacing with installation of a granite bordered cobblestone inlay, with materials, dimensions and conditions as determined within this meeting. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously (4-0).

Informal discussion of proposed revisions to Carlisle Police Station – S. Hinton for Municipal Facilities Committee

Co-Chair Keller reminded those in attendance that this is an informal discussion and that no plans will be approved at this meeting. Police Chief Fisher and Municipal Facilities Committee member Steve Hinton were present to discuss the latest revisions to the plans for renovations to the Police Station site. Mr. Hinton displayed the architectural plans, as well as the site plan. He referred to the Commission's previously stated concerns about the visibility of the roofline of the sally port from the public way, and noted that the architectural plans now include a flat roof for the sally port. He also displayed a sloped roof option, and there was some preference for the sloped roof, although a selection was not made at this time. Mr. Adams asked that more structural detail be provided in the architectural drawings, and Mr. Hinton pointed out that these are not the final plans, but are in process.

The Commission discussed the right-of-way easement along the north side of the Police Station, and asked for some landscape plantings for screening along the north side of the proposed sally port location, in order to provide screening for the abutters. It was noted that there is only a small area for planting at that location on the Police

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Station lot, and the Commission discussed asking the abutter if plantings could be installed partly on their land. The Commission requested that conceptual drawings of landscape plantings, prepared by a landscape architect, be provided.

On reviewing the proposed structures, it was noted that the bottom of the buildings show white concrete in some cases. The Commission asked that the proposed sally port addition and the proposed garage be consistent with the main building in showing the white base, but did not require plantings to screen these areas.

Mr. Hinton planned to submit an application for a public hearing at the August 21 meeting.

At 9:10 am, Mr. Adams moved and Mr. Freeman seconded the adjournment of the meeting, and the motion was approved unanimously (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Caywood
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Carlisle Historical Commission