

Braintree Historical Commission  
Minutes  
**Monday, May 13, 2019**  
Johnson Chambers – Braintree Town Hall

**Present:** Elizabeth Mees (Chair) Kate Nedelman Herbst  
Santina Giannino Rayna Rubin

**Also Present:** Christine Stickney, Director of Planning and Community Development

Meeting convened at 7:00 PM

The Chair took the first matter out of order on the agenda

**New Business:** Modification of Certificate of Appropriateness – Glover Hall. Present for the matter was Architect Paul McNeely for Thayer Academy. Mr. McNeely briefly explained how some changes to the original plans upon which the Commission had approved a Certificate of Appropriateness had changed and was picked up by staff upon request of a building permit. Using both existing photographs and revised rendering, Mr. McNeely noted the changes on the westerly side of Glover Hall in the area of the existing fire stairs. Changes to the roof line, were necessary to accommodate the head clearance of the fire stairs and elimination of a window and a different door design were cost savings asked for by the client. The Chair noted she felt the applicant needed to come back to the Commission and show the changes that appear to be minor in nature. A question from Paula Lafavre of 25/27 Central Ave was the original building had some unusual finials on the roof but she noticed that the new renderings did not – she questioned why they were being eliminated? Mr. McNeely admitted he had not even notice that they weren't on the new rendering and it was an oversight they should be shown and he agreed they will be added to the rendering but also the work should have no effect on the finials. Kate Nedelman Herbst **MOTION** to approve the minor modifications, as depicted on the architectural renderings dated 2/11/19, to the original Certificate of Appropriateness issued on March 4, 2019, seconded by Rayna Rubin, unanimously voted.

**Administrative:** Santina Giannino **MOTION** to accept the minutes of 3/4/19, seconded by Kate Nedelman Herbst – unanimously voted. Santina Giannino **MOTION** to accept the minutes of 4/1/19, seconded by Kate Nedelman Herbst – unanimously voted.

**Public Hearing:** Certificate of Appropriateness – Braintree Town Hall (Side Doors), Andrew Marron from Mayor Joseph C. Sullivan's office was present to discuss the request. The Chair read the legal advertisement and noted one abutter present Ms. Paula Lafavre of 25/27 Central Ave. Members received materials for review as to the photos of the existing doors and design concepts of the proposed doors. Mr. Marron provided background as to why the doors are changing and the need for security and ADA enhancements. In preliminary discussions it was agreed the preference of wooden doors to match the Town Hall front doors was desired by the Commission rather than metal doors. Mr. Marron explains he was able to work with the manufacturer to come up with something that could handle the security and ADA requirements. Mr. Marron noted a letter is in the file from the Building Inspector Russ Forsberg stating the design met ADA requirements. Members asked about the fob and how the door is accessed during the day – Mr. Marron explained during business hours the doors are not locked it would be only after hours when no meetings were being held would employees have to access the building by the fob entry. The Chair did ask that Mr. Marron make sure the panels on the new door are of the

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same dimensions as the front door to provide uniformity. Kate Nedelman Herbst **MOTION** to approve the issuance of the Certificate of Appropriateness for the side doors as shown in the plans submitted conditional on the panels matching the same dimensions as the front doors, seconded by Santina Giannino – unanimously voted. Mr. Marron was asked when might the doors be installed and he said hopefully mid-summer they will be contacting Falvey to have the stain match the front doors.

**Old Business:** Christine noted that the *Demolition Delay* is effective and that a letter was sent to the Building Department. Currently demolition permits are incorporated into one building permit that includes demo and vertical construction. Since this is different from most communities, the Building Department was ask to make sure these types of permits were somehow flagged in the online permit software. *Daughraty Gym* – nothing new to report. *Elm Street Cemetery* – the topper fence is completed as to design and should be bid soon for summer installation. *Gallivan House Preservation Restriction* has been completed by the Historical Society and has been given to the Braintree legal department for approval and signature – it will then need to be signed by the appropriate boards and commissions in Town.

Other: Christine reported that Thayer has submitted a building permit for a scoreboard on their campus fields however the permit was flagged by staff because it requires BHC approval and a Certificate of Appropriateness. They have a dedication this coming weekend and the Mayor approved it being erected for a day but then taken down after the ceremony. The will file the application for the June 3, 2019 meeting. Elizabeth noted she has a conflict meeting on 6/3 and could another night be considered – members agreed upon June 4, 2019 to have the meeting and public hearing.

Santina Giannino **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kate Nedelman Herbst – unanimously voted. The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted

Christine Stickney, Director  
Planning and Community Development