

MINUTES OF THE MID CAMBRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
APPROVED AT THE APRIL 3, 2017 HEARING

Monday, March 6, 2017, 6:00 PM, Fourth Floor Meeting Room, City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway, Cambridge

Commission Members present: Nancy Goodwin, *Chair*; Lestra Litchfield, *Member*; Margaret McMahon and Charles Redmon, *Alternates*

Commission Members absent: Tony Hsaio, Sue-Ellen Myers, Monika Pauli, *Members*

Staff present: Charles Sullivan

Members of the Public: See attached list.

Nancy Goodwin, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. She reviewed the agenda as well as meeting procedures. She announced that all alternates present would be voting.

MC-5145: 10 Cleveland Street, by Howard Schultz and Victoria Winston. Alter window openings, construct addition, and add new skylights as part of a larger renovation project.

Ms. Litchfield disclosed a potential conflict of interest because of her status as an abutter of an abutter to the subject property, but stated that she could be impartial. Ms. Goodwin agreed and allowed her to sit on the case.

Charles Sullivan showed slides and gave an overview of the structure and the application. He noted that this was a non-binding review.

Maggie Booz, an architect representing the owners, Howard Schultz and Victoria Winston, described the proposed project as consisting of an addition on the rear elevation, relocation of windows in the kitchen area, and addition of skylights. A rear extension shown in old photos no longer existed, but would be reconstituted as a one-story ell and a deck off the rear (south) elevation. Windows would be relocated to accommodate kitchen improvements, two skylights would be added to the west slope of the gable roof, and two windows would replace the single window in the south gable. The new small window shown on the west elevation at the second floor would be deleted, as would the rear chimney shown on the existing plans; the latter had been removed above the roof many years ago. All the existing windows were vinyl 1+1 replacements; they would be replaced by 2+2 windows, either wood inserts or new construction windows requiring removal and replacement of trim inside and out. The front porch railing would also be replaced in a manner more in keeping with the house; they would consult with staff about the details.

Ms. Goodwin asked about shutters. Ms. Booz said they weren't sure about whether to install shutters, and said they were looking forward to input from the commissioners.

There being no members of the public present, Ms. Goodwin moved on to deliberation.

Ms. Litchfield said that shutters would be too busy and questioned if they were ever present. Mr. Schultz, the owner, and Mr. Sullivan said they appeared in an historic photo of the matching house at 8 Cleveland.

Mr. Redmon observed that shutters of the bay windows would have to be constructed as bifolds. Mr. Sullivan said that shutters should be an authentic pattern and installed to be operable.

Ms. Litchfield said that a three-color paint scheme might add character to the house, as would the new 2+2 windows. She advised against installing shutters; Ms. Goodwin agreed.

Ms. Litchfield, Ms. Goodwin, and Ms. McMahon complimented the appropriateness of the addition.

Mr. Redmon moved to approve the application as submitted, with a recommendation that shutters not be installed. Ms. Litchfield seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Mr. Redmon moved to accept the November 14, 2016, November 18, 2016, December 5, 2016, and February 6, 2016 minutes as submitted, subject to correction of typographical errors noted by Ms. Goodwin. Ms. Litchfield seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Redmon moved to adjourn. Ms. McMahon seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Sullivan
Executive Director

**Members of the Public
(who signed the Attendance list)**

Harold Schultz	Owner	10 Cleveland Street
Maggie Booz	Architect	625 Mt. Auburn Street

Note: All addresses are located in Cambridge unless otherwise noted.