



**Natick Historic District Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2023**

**Commission Members in Attendance via Zoom:**

MC Mike Collins (Chair)  
JKF Jeannine Furrer (Vice Chair)  
CM Chris Milford  
SF Susana Fernandes  
RW Robin Wood

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

**New Business**

1. **The Commission reviewed an application for 46 West Central Street in the Henry Wilson Historic District for a Certificate of Appropriateness.** The application was presented by the owner Mr. Anthony Humeniuk.

Mr. Humeniuk reviewed the scope of his application resulting from general deterioration including:

Repainting the entire exterior  
Removing and replacing all trim work which has experienced significant water damage  
Removing and replacing flashing  
Replacing individual areas of cedar shingled-sided as needed with similar cedar shingles  
Removing and replacing roof shingles in front of house that were not replaced when main roof was last repaired  
Replacing both flat rubber roofs and including deck materials on west-side roof that has an access door (not viewable from street)  
Replacing railings surrounding both flat rubber roofs which have deteriorated  
Replacing carport roof with similar style covering  
Repairing/replacing gutters as necessary

Mr. Humeniuk noted that in addition to replacing the existing railings, they will need to be increased in height to 36" to meet current code requirements. Mr. Milford asked if there is decking that will be replaced and Mr. Humeniuk said there is currently existing rubber roof but he will be adding composite material decking which will not be visible from the public.

Mr. Collins noted that the majority of the work proposed is just repair. Only the railing using a composite material is a change in materials. From his experience, the proposed product is an acceptable alternative, much better than vinyl in appearance. Mr. Milford asked if it will be painted and Mr. Humeniuk said it comes prefinished as white.

Ms. Furrer asked if Mr. Humeniuk had considered replacing or removing the carport. Ms. Furrer suggested that the carport could be upgraded to look more compatible with the house. Mr. Humeniuk said that it was very useful and he would like to just repair it. Mr. Collins offered that considering the scope of the other work, replacing this might be worth considering.

Ms. Fernandes had no additional questions.

Ms. Wood supported Ms. Furrer's comments about the carport. She offered that the house would look better without it.

Mr. Collins supported the use of composite material for the railing, saying the appearance and durability was comparable.

Mr. Collins asked if there were any comments from the public. Mr. Bruce Martin unmuted to say he had no additional comments.

Mr. Collins made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness. Ms. Furrer seconded the motion. Mr. Milford noted that the approval should include the change of the railing height to 36", which will be noted on the certificate.

Roll call vote unanimously approved.

Voice vote by name approved:

Mr. Collins - Yes

Ms. Furrer – Yes

Mr. Milford – Yes

Ms. Wood – Yes

Ms. Fernandes – Yes

Mr. Collins will act as the resource person for the work.

**Old Business:**

2. Minutes from the previous meeting April 26, 2023 were reviewed and Mr. Collins made a motion to approve, second by Ms. Furrer. Roll call vote unanimously approved.

Voice vote by name approved:

Mr. Collins - Yes

Ms. Furrer – Yes

Mr. Milford – Yes

Ms. Wood – Yes

Ms. Fernandes – Yes

Mr. Collins welcomed new member Robin Wood, and perspective member Bruce Martin.

Ms. Furrer noted a new application and scheduled a meeting for October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Furrer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Milford at 8:05. Roll call vote unanimously approved:

Mr. Collins - Yes

Ms. Furrer – Yes

Mr. Milford – Yes

Ms. Wood – Yes

Ms. Fernandes – Yes

These minutes were prepared and submitted by Chris Milford