

Lincoln Historical Commission
Historic District Commission
Brown's Wood Historic District Commission
Virtual Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 10, 2020

Board Members: Andrew Glass, Chair, HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Douglas Adams, HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Richard Rundell; HDC/BWHDC; Lynn Delisi, HDC/BWHDC; Gary Anderson, HDC/LHC/DWHDC
Alternates: Frank Clark, HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Judith Lawler, HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Allen Vander Meulen, HDC/LHC/BWHDC
(Members not available: Andy Ory, HDC/LHC/BWHDC; Christopher Boit, HDC/LHC/BWHDC)

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Certificate of Appropriateness:

10 Woods End Road – Peter Balogh and Mary Waterous came before the Historic District Commission (HDC) to request a Certificate of Appropriateness to install an above-ground pool. The height of pool wall (52-inches high) complies with the Building Inspector's directive. The other dimensions of the pool are 36-feet long by 16-feet wide. The applicants noted that the location is inconspicuous from both the road and the abutting Gropius House. Andrew Glass noted that while the HDC does not consider shrubs and trees in considering whether the structure is visible from a public way, the pool is located in a discreet area of the yard. And because the outside of the pool is a dark color, the Commission members agreed that it was inconspicuous. Abutter Robyn Dunbar of 9 Woods End Road spoke in favor of the application and noted that she believes it is inconspicuously sited. Lynn DeLisi made a motion to approve the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the above-ground pool as presented in the plans and photographs submitted to the Commission and as discussed at the meeting. Allen Vander Meulen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rick Rundell – aye; Doug Adams – aye; Allen Vander Meulen – aye; Frank Clark – aye; Gary Anderson – aye; Lynn Delisi – aye and Andrew Glass – aye.

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Walden Bathhouse Replacement and Accessibility Project:

Jeffrey Harris of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR), and Nat Tipton, Project Engineer, came before the Historical Commission to discuss the design of a replacement bathhouse, and improved access to the beach, at the Walden Pond Reservation. The new bathhouse and the hillside path from the visitor's center to the bathhouse and beach are designed to provide universal access, which is currently lacking. Maryann Thompson Architects is the project architect for the proposed new bathhouse. That firm also designed the visitors' center. The bathhouse will also provide universal access to its facilities and will use natural materials and massing that blend into the hillside above the pond.

The Commission members commented that they strongly support the DCR's goals of providing universal access to the bathhouse and beach and of designing a bathhouse that is universally accessible. The Commission members also spoke in favor of the materials and massing proposed for the bathhouse as respecting the natural beauty of the site and providing a welcome bookend to the visitors' center.

Mr. Harris invited the LHC to submit comments regarding the proposed project to the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) which is currently reviewing the project. The DCR has also have asked the Concord Historical Commission and the Walden Woods Project to review the project and submit comments to the MHC.

Allen Vander Meulen made a motion to authorize Andrew Glass to write a letter to the MHC expressing the LHC's support for and comments in favor of the design of the project. Gary Anderson seconded the motion. The LHC invited Rick Rundell and Lynn DeLisi to indicate in an advisory capacity their support for the motion. Roll call vote: Doug Adams – aye; Allen Vander Meulen – aye; Gary Anderson – aye; Judith Lawler – aye; Andrew Glass – aye; Rick Rundell – aye; Lynn Delisi – aye.

Minutes:

Frank Clark made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2020 meeting as written. Doug Adams seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Doug Adams – aye; Allen Vander Meulen – aye; Gary Anderson – aye; Judith Lawler – aye; Andrew Glass – aye; Rick Rundell – aye; Lynn Delisi – aye.

At 8:45, Lynn Delisi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Allen Vander Meulen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Doug Adams – aye; Allen Vander Meulen – aye; Gary Anderson – aye; Judith Lawler – aye; Andrew Glass – aye; Rick Rundell – aye; Lynn Delisi – aye.

Submitted from a recording by Elaine Carroll