



AGENDA

LA MOTT BOARD OF HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

January 21, 2021

6:30 P.M.

Via Web-Conference

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions in Montgomery County and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and Township employees, this meeting will take place entirely via tele- or web-conference.

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1. Acceptance of the meeting minutes of December 17, 2020 (see attached).
2. Consideration of Application L20-262 of Applicant Maggie McDevitt representing Mr. William Williams and Mrs. Hattie Williams, property owners of 1704 Chelsea Road, La Mott, PA 19027 for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of four (4) double-hung windows and the replacement of one (1) transom window on the front of the property. The size remains the same for these windows but the appearance will change.
3. Consideration of Application L20-264 of Applicant Cima Network on behalf of Paul Gilbert, Property Manager of 1401 W. Cheltenham Avenue (Rite Aid Pharmacy) for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal of existing signage to be replaced with new Rite Aid branding signage.
4. Old Business:
5. New Business:
 - a. 1715 Chelsea Road – Rooftop installation not visible from the street.
 - b. 1801 Willow Avenue – In-kind replacement of eight (8) windows.
6. Adjournment.

Robert Zienkowski
Township Manager

La Mott Historic District, Township of Cheltenham
Board of Historical and Architectural Review

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Location: Zoom Web Conference

Present: Mr. Timothy Hinchcliff, Chair
Ms. Darlene Melton, Vice Chair
Ms. Zilan Munas Bass, Member
Ms. Linda Foggie, Member
Mr. Henry Sekawungu, Member
Mr. Thomas Cinaglia, Cheltenham Building Inspector

1. Mr. Hinchcliff called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. A quorum was present.
2. Chairman Hinchcliff made a motion to accept the minutes dated November 19, 2020. Co-applicants Ms. Joyce Werkman and Mr. Carmen Reitano objected to a portion of the minutes under Item A, New Business, as they did not recall agreeing to the statement as recorded in the minutes. After a brief discussion, it was requested and agreed upon to amend the minutes by removing the portion that read “to create a memorial open space and a flower garden, while preserving the gateway entrance walls” and end the sentence with “uninhabitable residence.”

As all members were then in agreement, a motion was made and unanimously agreed upon to accept the minutes of November 19, 2020, as amended.

3. Old Business

Application L20-260 of Joyce Werkman, co-applicant and owner of the property located at 7320 Sycamore Avenue, La Mott, PA 19027, and Carmen G. Reitano, seeking approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition and removal of the existing two-story vacant, uninhabitable residence.

Members were provided a joint inspection report from the Building Inspector and the Fire Marshal which included photos of the interior of the building indicating that the structure was deteriorated beyond repair and should be demolished as soon as possible. Since this report also deemed the property a safety hazard and an insurance liability for the owner, it was agreed by all to have all the reviews completed in order to facilitate demolition for the earliest date possible in February 2021. The structure is not historic, but the grounds are. There are no future plans for the site except to keep it well maintained.

Recommendation to the Public Works Committee: Upon motion of Mr. Hinchcliff, the La Mott BHAR voted 4-0-1, with Ms. Melton abstaining, to recommend approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for Application L20-260 of co-applicant and owner Joyce Werkman and co-applicant Carmen G. Reitano for the demolition and removal of the existing two-story vacant, uninhabitable residence on the property located at 7320 Sycamore Avenue, La Mott, PA 19027.

If the Certificate of Appropriateness is approved by the Public Works Committee at its January 6, 2021 meeting, the property owner will submit the demolition permit application for presentation before the Historic Commission.

4. New Business

Application L20-261, of Herve and Michaelle Desrosiers, owners of the property located at 7410 Cedar Lane, La Mott, PA 19027 seeking approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of their porch roof, replacement of fifteen (15) windows and replacement of fifteen (15) square feet of siding.

The property owner, Mr. Herve Desrosiers, was in attendance but said he was undecided as to what work items he wants to proceed with at this time. The BHAR outlined the he can undertake without a COA, which was all interior work, as long as he has permit approvals.

Mr. Hinchcliff stated that any further discussion should be tabled until the property owner finalizes his plans. Mr. Desrosiers was further instructed to re-submit his application once he decides on the work he would like to complete. Ms. Drucker requested Mr. Desrosiers to call her at his convenience so she can assist him moving forward.

5. There being no further business, Mr. Hinchcliff adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.



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Township Manager

Per Sue Drucker