

Shrewsbury Historic District Commission

June 29, 2023 7:00 PM – Shrewsbury Town Hall

Attendees: Whitney Andrews, Kelly Barner, Keith Baldinger, Kris Gustafson, Shannon Nolley, Melanie Petrucci

Absent: Allyn Taylor

Guests:

Lauren Blumberg - Shrewsbury Cultural Council

Michael Connors and Joseph Kupstas - Remodelwerks, LLC

Paula Lupton, Curator of Artemas Ward House

David M. Chiampa, Owner - 5 Church Road

1. Call to Order at 7:05 pm.

2. Minutes from the June 15, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

Items 3 and 4. Continued discussion with Shrewsbury Cultural Council RE: SELCO/Shrewsbury Cultural Council Art Wrap on Electrical Boxes, represented by Lauren Blumberg. Whitney Andrews asked a question about the permanency of the installation; the vinyl is intended to be permanent v. temporary. Kris Gustafson asked if this is the only electric box in the historic district that will be wrapped now or in the future. Kelly Barner asked for confirmation that the design as submitted is final. The only alteration to the design is that the top panel will not be part of the design for safety reasons. The COA was approved unanimously.

5. Certificate of Appropriateness - Roof work at 621 Main Street - Michael Connors and Joseph Kupstas

The building needs a lot of repairs, and the roof is at the failure point. The current roof is not historically accurate. Their goal is to replace the roof and return to a more contemporary slate-like look. Melanie Petrucci added to the submitted COA that the garage is to be roofed to match. Some of the siding will have to be removed to replace the flashing under the porch roof to stop leaking. That has been added to the COA as well. The owner also asked about the availability of historical restoration-based grants. Melanie Petrucci referred him back to the State of Massachusetts as well as the Shrewsbury Planning Department, and Kris Gustafson offered to send additional information. The COA was approved with a unanimous vote.

6. Certificate of Appropriateness - Exterior Painting at 786 Main Street - Paula Lupton, Curator of the Artemas Ward House (Harvard University)

The building is to be repainted the same colors. Kris Gustafson commended Paula Lupton on the scope and detail included in the COA. The COA was unanimously approved.

7. Certificate of Appropriateness - Exterior Painting at 5 Church Road - David M. Chiampa (Owner)

The last addition to the Sumner House (added in 1913) is due to be painted. It hasn't been painted in 14 years. The color will remain the same and will be solid paint rather than stain. The COA was unanimously approved.

8. Certificate of Appropriateness – Front Walkway Repair at 5 Church Road - David M. Chiampa (Owner)

An old walkway was removed (near the current parking lot) but the materials were saved. They would like to use those materials now to continue the brick walkway to Church Road. There are safety concerns with the stones that are there now. The COA was unanimously approved.

9. Upcoming Dates

- Presentation to the Shrewsbury Men's Club at Council on Aging in September – Date TBD
- September Historic District Commission Meeting – Thursday, September 21, 2023

10. Additional Topics

- Kelly Barner has access to the PocketSights app via the Shrewsbury town account and is working to input the descriptions and photos gathered by the walking tour subcommittee.
- Melanie Petrucci proposed sending an email to all the historic homeowners in Shrewsbury reminding them of the Historic District Commission's charge, applicable timelines and requirements, and available resources. Kris Gustafson suggested also putting the letter on the Commission's webpage and making the letter available at the town Permitting office.

11. Adjourn at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Kelly Barner, Secretary