

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

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DORSET DESIGN REVIEW BOARD **September 20, 2021**

Members present: Kit Wallace, Chair, Arnie Gottlieb, Michele Pagan, Ruth Tanenhaus, Jim Clubb by phone

Absent: Lindy Bowden

Also present: Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager and Frank Molgano, Applicant

Minutes: R. Nawrath

Chair K. Wallace opened the meeting at 5:30 PM **IN PERSON** at the Dorset Town Offices.

Reminder: Any decision made tonight has to wait for the Planning Commission to act on the application.

Applicant: Frank Molgano: Replace existing Bilco basement door with new enclosure 3191 Vermont Route 30

F. Molgano, applicant, spoke to the project:

- Replace existing Bilco Door with an all-weather enclosure.
- It will have wood framing, a shed roof with asphalt shingles, and siding identical to the current siding of the house.
- The glass in the door will be the same as the current window design; 9 pane-door with wood paneling.
- The 3' x 6' door will be painted Dorset Green.
- There is existing planting which screen the area of construction.
- K. Wallace: A Bilco door is not as attractive as this design, so this is an improvement. It is also not on the character-defining elevation of the structure.

Relevant Criteria:

#9.4.4.2.8: Additions and alterations: *New porches, decks or entrances may be introduced only on non-character-defining elevations ... These units must be located so that they do not diminish the original character of the historic structure...*

Michele Pagán moved to approve as submitted; Arnie Gottlieb 2nd

Approved: unanimously.

Other business:

- Michele Pagán is organizing a meeting sponsored by the energy committee and the DRB to explore ways to improve energy performance in historic buildings without sacrificing the historic integrity. Right now October 18 is the best date (our next meeting time) but we would start at 5:00 PM. It will be open to the public, so we need to get some PR out. The town will put this event in the newsletter that is published every few weeks. Discussion ensued on how to present this program, make it interesting, and how to publicize it. Michele Pagán: We would love to have more specific information on how to replace historic windows with something that retains the historic character of the building, etc.

- J. Clubb mentioned that his fence in the Historic District is still not painted. He is waiting for the wood to cure and for his painter to come back and do the work.
- Dorset Inn: The owner hired an attorney in response to T. Yandow's letter regarding zoning violation caused by the Inn installing AC/heating units on the historic south façade along with the exposed conduits across the front of the building. Tyler received a letter but he is out of town at the moment so we will get a copy when he returns.

M. Pagán made a motion to adjourn at 5:58
Arnie Gottlieb 2nd
Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Kit Wallace, Chair