

Town of Boylston, Massachusetts  
Boylston Historic District Commission  
Certificate of Appropriateness

The Boylston Historic District Commission met on October 15, 2018 at 7pm at the Historical Society Building at 7 Central St, Boylston, MA to act on the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Trustees of the Boylston Public Library, represented by the Chairperson of the Boylston Public Library Trustees, Brad Barker. The application was for the purposes of taking action to repair severe leaking problems with the original slate roof and the two bullet stone chimneys.

At this meeting, the Historic District Commission voted unanimously to permit the Library Trustees to take whatever actions were needed in the best interest of the Library and the Town to repair or replace the roof and chimneys.

Since this October 2018 meeting, the Library Trustees retained the services of the architectural firm LLB of Providence RI that specializes in historic roofs. LLB estimated that repair or replacement of the slate roof would cost greater than three times the cost of a roof covered with architectural shingles. As there are insufficient funds for the purposes of restoring a slate roof, the Trustees chose to replace the roof with architectural shingles as the affordable option.

The ~~roof~~ <sup>old</sup> roof will be demolished and modern Hunter panels installed to provide R39 insulation to the attic. Water and ice shield and a new underlayment platform will be added. None of this construction will be visible from the outside. Architectural shingles will be installed over the underlayment which will be visible.

In regards to the two bullet stone chimneys, the Trustees decided to remove them from the building due to their increasingly dangerous condition and the continued leaking problems they cause. Since the completion of the Library's renovation in 2017, the chimneys are no longer functional. In the spirit of fiscal responsibility, they will be removed to avoid future problems and ongoing maintenance costs. The two chimneys are not visible from Main St but one can be seen from the Library parking lot and one from Scar Hill Rd. The removal of the chimneys will affect those side views.

After considering the application and its effect upon the Boylston Historic District, and after considering the Massachusetts laws and by-laws of the Town of Boylston, and upon proper motion and after discussion of the motion, the Boylston Historic District Commission, having a quorum present, voted unanimously in favor to the granting of a Certificate of Appropriateness to the Boylston Public Library Trustees for the property at 695 Main St, Boylston, the Town Public Library.

In accordance with the by-laws of the Boylston Historic District, Section 11, notice of the Commission's decision will be recorded and posted by the Town Clerk. Following the elapse of

10 days, if no parties appeal the Commission's decision, the Commission will present the application with the Certificate of Appropriateness and send a copy of it to the Zoning Enforcement Officer (Building Inspector).

Dated: October 25, 2021

Boylston Historic District Commission

By: William Manter

William Manter, Chairperson