



**ST BOTOLPH AREA ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Held virtually via Zoom

November 16, 2022

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Susan Trowbridge, François Elise, Barbara Leefman, Douglas Miller, Richard Henderson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Gabriela Amore, Preservation Planner

A full recording of the hearing is available at [Boston.gov/landmarks](https://www.boston.gov/landmarks)

5:20 PM: Commissioner Trowbridge called the public hearing to order. She explained that, pursuant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, that the public hearing was being conducted virtually via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. She also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing. There were no members of the press present.

Following this brief introduction, she called the first application.

I. VIOLATIONS

APP # 23.0243 SB 123 ST. BOTOLPH STREET

Applicant: Gary Stavros

Proposed Work: Ratify the violation of unapproved painting of the copper dome.

Project Representatives: Gary Stavros was the project representative.

Documents Presented: Photos of the existing conditions, plans, and details for the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: The Commission discussed the feasibility of replacing the painted copper, or paint removal from the copper. The applicant discussed the need



for repair of the dome, and suggested an alternative option of repainting the existing dome with a liquid copper product that has appropriate patina color it shifts to after a chemical reaction induced during application. Discussion regarding the durability of the product, process of coating removal, and various providing samples and creating mockups also occurred.

Public Comment: Lee Steele of the St. Botolph Neighborhood Association (SBNA) shared his support for the removal of the existing paint color and pursuing remediation that brings the dome back to the appropriate patina color that matches adjacent examples. Steven Mark Riggs suggested the applicant look into the warranty of the product.

**COMMISSIONER MILLER MOTIONED TO DENY THE REMEDIATION.
COMMISSIONER HENDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 5-0-0 (Y:
FE, BL, RH, ST, DM) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).**

- **The Commission recommends replacing the copper with new, if not feasible;**
- **Defer discussion to the next hearing pending the review of an alternative solution**
- **Review of any mockups to staff.**

II. DESIGN REVIEW

APP # 23.0369 SB 4 DURHAM STREET

Applicant: Gary Anthony

Proposed Work: Remove roofing, gutter and window flashing, install new ice and water protection, shingles, window trim, fascia, and gutter system to be connected to existing downspout system.

Project Representatives: Matt Lichtman was the project representative.

Documents Presented: Photos of the existing conditions, plans, and details for the proposed work.

Discussion Topics: The Commission discussed the context of the adjacent buildings, and noted that the work will be minimally visible.

Public Comment: Lee Steele of the SBNA shared his support for the proposed work.



COMMISSIONER MILLER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION WITH PROVISOS. COMMISSIONER LEEFMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 5-0-0 (Y: FE, BL, RH, ST, DM) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).

- **Material sample for the shingle is to be confirmed by staff.**

III. RATIFICATION OF 9/21/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

COMMISSIONER LEEFMAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES, COMMISSIONER MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 5-0-0 (Y: FE, BL, RH, ST, DM) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).

IV. STAFF UPDATES

V. ADJOURN – 6:15 PM

COMMISSIONER MILLER MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE HEARING, COMMISSIONER TROWBRIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 5-0-0 (Y: FE, BL, RH, ST, DM) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).

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