Warwick Historic District Commission

Warwick City Hall 3275 Post Road Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA Wednesday, July 20, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Planning Department, City Hall Annex, Second Floor

Petition #16-291-39
Residential
121 Post Road
Pawtuxet Village

The Petitioner is seeking approval to replace an existing bow window in the front of the house with a similarly-styled bay window. In the application, the Petitioner has noted that the existing window has rotted and is leaking, and the window is not original to the house.

<u>Planning Department Staff Report</u>

As noted in the 1994 Warwick Historic Preservation Plan survey (p. 90), the residence is a 2.5-story, hip, shingle, two-bay, sidehall-plan house, in the Late Victorian style, with 2/1 sash windows, a central hip dormer, small hip entry porch on wrought iron supports, with a new façade bow window. It is listed in the survey as being in good condition.

In reviewing applications, the Commission gives consideration to the relationship of the exterior architectural features of structures within historic districts to the rest of the structure and the surrounding district (from Warwick Historic Districts: A Guide for Property Owners).

It is of note that the window is not original to the residence, but rather was added after the front porch was removed as a result of the widening of Post Road sometime in the 1960s, and is not considered to be an architectural feature that adds to the historic significance of the residence.

Further, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation call for the repair of <u>historic</u> windows, except when they are too deteriorated to save. Character-defining features of such windows include, but are not limited to, moldings, sash, muntins, and exterior shutters or blinds. (Easy Guide to Rehab Standards).

The Planning Department further offers the following Secretary of the Interior Standard for Rehabilitation, as found in Chapter 6.9 of the City's Comprehensive Plan, for the Commission's consideration:

9.) New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

OTHER BUSINESS

1.) Approval of meeting minutes: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 Wednesday, June 15, 2016