

Gorham Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting held January 21, 2021

Members present at the meeting:

Michael Towle

Nancy Kenty

Noah Miner

Bruce Rouillard

Dawna Lamson

Also present:

Freeman Abbot, Town of Gorham Code Enforcement Officer

Suzy Phillips, Town Council

Virginia Wilder Cross, Town Council

Andrew Earle, Applicant

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Rouillard, Chair at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the plans of Andrew Earle the purchaser of 8 College Avenue. Bruce reminded everyone that the property was the victim of a devastating fire and had been sitting for several years.

Andrew told the Commission that his plan is to create 8 units in the building which requires 5 feet more at the top of the building. Bruce reminded members that it is our job to look at the façade and the roof etc. The use of the building and the materials used are not matters for the Commission.

In addition to raising the roof for the additional 5 feet, Andrew said that the plans were to put a studio in the ell and a 1-bedroom unit in the back of the building.

After understanding that the plan is to vinyl side the building, a couple of the members and Virginia Wilder Cross asked about the front of the building and whether shutters and some kind of treatment over the door could be incorporated to have the façade correspond to the surrounding structures to maintain compatibility with the streetscape of College Avenue.

After some more discussion Michael Towle moved and Nancy Kenty seconded a Motion to accept the proposed changes to the façade of the building. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

s/ Marsha Weeks Traill

Secretary