

Calais Development Review Board
Minutes July 18, 2019

Board Members Present: Peg Bowen, Chair, Barbara Weedon, Walt Amses, Ruth Porter, Art Edelstein and Tim Scandale, Secretary

Others Present: John McCullough ZA, Peter Harvey and Walter and Carolyn Ballentine.

2019-11 Peter Harvey

The applicant Peter Harvey is proposing to take apart an existing shed and rebuild it in a different location. He explained that snow slides off of the barn onto the shed roof and packs down. This makes it difficult, dangerous, and time consuming to remove the snow off the roof. It was also noted that his small tractor will not fit in the shed.

Mr. Harvey would like to take apart the shed and build a shed the same size or smaller with a steeper roof pitch away from the barn. This would fix the snow removal problem on the roof and would also allow the tractor to fit.

It was noted that the property is in the Historical Design District and that the Design Advisory Board (DAB) has reviewed and approved the proposal.

It was noted that the shed that was built in 2012 is the one that Mr. Harvey would like to take down.

The ZA stated that he has nothing else to add except that he has a letter from the DAB regarding a recent site visit. It was noted that copies of the letter were submitted to DRB members at the hearing and that the letter approves the proposal.

The applicant explained that he told the DAB that he wants to make the new shed smaller than the current one and plans to attach it to a different part of the barn.

The DRB reviewed the plans and stated that it is straight forward and that they have no problems with the proposal.

The maximum dimension of the new shed will be 32 feet long according to the DAB. It will be shorter on the east end and the roof line will still stick out.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballentine, who are neighbors of the applicant, were at the hearing in support of the proposal.

There was a motion to close the hearing. It was seconded, all were in favor and none opposed.

A decision will be rendered in 45 days or less.

Other Business:

A recommendation was made to the DRB to have a vote for the DRB Chair position. There was a unanimous vote for Peg Bowen to remain as DRB Chair. She was nominated, seconded, all were in favor, and none opposed.

The DRB expressed their gratitude for her knowledge and many years of service.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Scandale, DRB Secretary