

LHD Design Guidelines

April 29th, 2021

Commissioners Present:

Elizabeth Armstrong

Dave Jack

Jim Batchelor

Ric Panciera

Elton Elperin

John Spiers

Wendy Ecker

David King

Peter Kleiner

The commissioners opened the meeting by discussing the existing guidelines for windows, asking the question, “Can new windows be clad & insulated glass?”. Mr. Batchelor supported the idea if replacing existing insulated glass windows. Mr. Kleiner supported the idea if in new construction. Conversation continued and the idea that maintaining the windows on the façade was emphasized. The Commissioners discussed recent public comments about windows received from residents interested in forming an LHD. All agreed that it is the mandate of the Preservation Commission to preserve historic fabric, including windows. Mr. Kleiner noted reconciling the needs of Net Zero construction with preserving windows is difficult. Mr. Elperin stated that only original windows should be preserved.

Public Comment:

Sean Lynn Jones- expressed concern about sustainability, noting that window restoration is expensive and that storm windows are ugly.

Commissioners continued to discuss aspects of sustainability and windows. No final decisions were made.