

**LOWELL HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 7, 2014  
6:00 PM**

Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Recording Secretary Dianna Cade took roll call. Members answering the roll call were Ken Floyd, Clifford Tetrault, Martha Burger-Farrellbegg, Connie Schrombeck and Susan Riley. Also present was Building Official Tom Trulley and three citizens.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Burger-Farrellbegg made a motion to approve the August 5, 2014 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Mrs. Schrombeck and carried by voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PETITIONER: #2014-014 GERTRUDE FEDDELER  
DBA: DUST BUNNIES  
416 E. COMMERCIAL**

**REQUEST: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS  
PURPOSE: PAINT DOORS**

Mr. Floyd stated that the Board would be discussing Historic #14-014. The Petitioner, Gertrude Feddeler, 416 E. Commercial is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for painting two doors and a mailbox. Mr. Floyd asked the petitioner if she would like to address the Board. Petitioner stated her name and address. Ms. Feddeler stated that she owns Dust Bunnies. Ms. Feddeler stated that her reason for being here today was that she had painted the doors of her store front pink, to match her business and was notified by the Town that she must have approval from the Historic Board. Mr. Floyd stated that you are trying to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness for work that has already been completed. Ms. Feddeler stated yes. Mr. Floyd asked if the Board was familiar with the storefront. Mr. Tetrault asked if the doors were to the storefront or the staircase as well. Ms. Feddeler stated that it is her storefront doors. Discussion followed.

Mr. Floyd stated that she must also include on the Certificate of Appropriateness her store fronts mailbox. Mr. Floyd stated two doors and a mailbox. Ms. Feddeler stated it is one door and a mailbox. Discussion followed.

Ms. Feddeler stated that pink is a historical color and also the color of her business. Mr. Tetrault asked when the building was erected. Mr. Floyd stated 1892. Ms. Riley stated that it is a Vernacular and that the guidelines state that you should keep the color palette within the time frame of when the building was erected. Discussion followed.

Mr. Floyd referred to his lap top and pictures of historical color palettes. Discussion followed. Mr. Trulley asked if the issue was the color or the fact that the work was done before it was presented to the Board for a Certificate of Appropriateness. Mr. Floyd

stated that he does not have a problem with the color, it is just a matter that you need a Certificate Of Appropriateness in the historical district. Discussion followed.

Ms. Feddeler stated that she was not aware that she needed to get approval from the Board before painting the doors, she did not mean to over step anybody's boundaries. Ms. Feddeler stated that she asked her landlord and he told her that she could paint them whatever color she wanted. Ms. Feddeler stated that she choose pink to match the color of her business. Ms. Feddeler stated that the color has attracted customers to her business.

Mr. Floyd asked for a motion. Mrs. Farrellbegg stated that she is not opposed to leaving the doors as is. Mrs. Schrombeck stated that she felt that we need to keep business downtown and was not opposed to the color either. Mrs. Farrellbegg suggested that we need to better inform the building owners of our guidelines for the historical district and they can advise any new tenants. Mr. Floyd asked for a motion.

Mr. Tetrault asked if the function of the Board was to keep it to look like a historical district, because the color is not a historical palette color. Mr. Floyd asked what is the historical palette. Mr. Floyd stated that he has referenced many different paint companies, web sites and national trust for historic preservation, there are numerous historic paint palettes. Discussion followed.

Mr. Floyd stated the question is; does it fit the palette, does it fit the architecture of the building. Ms. Riley stated it does not, but that the guidelines also state that if they can show reason. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Joy Shurman, owner of Lowell Carpet addressed the Board and stated that they have been having networking meetings trying to revitalize downtown. Mrs. Shurman stated that the tenants/owners would like to stay positive and move forward. Mrs. Shurman stated that they need young business owners in downtown. Mrs. Shurman stated she thinks that the bright colors start conversations which ultimately is leading to potential customers.

Mr. Tetrault stated that he feels that it should be in the historic palette. Mr. Tetrault stated that he does not have an issue with the color pink, he lives in a pink house, but he feels the color should be more of a muted rosy pink. Mr. Tetrault stated that hot pink is not in any historical color palette. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Schrombeck, made a motion to approve the Findings of Fact on paint, seconded by Mrs. Burger-Farrellbegg and carried by a voice vote.

Ms. Riley made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, it is undetermined if it meets the guidelines, justification has been shown by the business owner to approve the petition, seconded by Mrs. Burger-Farrellbegg. Motion was approved four to one with Mr. Tetrault voting nay.

**Certificate of Appropriateness is approved for the door and mailbox. The color is vibrant pink.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further questions or comments, Mrs. Schrombeck made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 PM, seconded by Ms. Riley and carried by voice vote.

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