

**A SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE  
GLEN RIDGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**September 2, 2020**

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**OPMA & Roll Call**

Vice Chair Githens called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and Ms. Hickey read the Sunshine Act Notice and called the roll.

This meeting was held via a video conference.

PRESENT: Chair Herrigel\*  
Vice Chair Githens  
Darby  
Moriarty  
Switzer  
Vande Stouwe

Margaret M. Hickey, Consultant to the Historic Preservation Commission

ABSENT: McMahon  
Grisafi

**Introduction and Hearing of the Applications**

Vice Chair Githens introduced herself and briefly described the hearing process to the members of the public.

**268 Forest Avenue  
Richard Law**

Vice Chair Githens called for the application. Richard Law, Owner, presented the application, which is a continuation from the August 2020 HPC meeting, to install a new raised patio with railing and operable pergola. Mr. Law explained the changes made to the design from the previous submission in terms of the placement of the pergola and heights of the elements. The HPC asked for clarifications on the height of the raised patio, the patio to the sill of the door and these to the underside of the eave of the house. There were further questions on the railing, which will be similar to the fence; HPC noted that the railing requires a top and bottom rail. The retaining wall at the patio will be a bluestone blend of stone.

On a motion by Mr. Switzer, seconded by Mr. Darby, the application was approved with the following conditions to be reviewed by subcommittee.

1. Drawings shall be updated to show the railing details.

\* Herrigel arrived at the meeting mid the first application.

2. An elevation provided that shows the dimensions in vertical plane between the house and the pergola.

Darby	Yes	Githens	Yes	Herrigel	Abstain
McMahon	Absent	Switzer	Yes	Vande Stouwe	Yes
		Moriarty (Alt. 1)	Yes	Grisafi (Alt. 2)	Absent

### 43 Hamilton Road

#### Deepak Chandran and Priya Venkateswaren

Chair Herrigel called for the application. Mr. Chandran and Ms. Venkateswaren, Owners, and their architect, Karin Robinson, presented the application to reorient the front entrance to the street side, add a slight swooped extension with arched entry to the side of the house which will expand the front elevation and add emphasize there, and add a vestibule for the new entrance including a new brick stoop with stone treads. HPC members asked for some clarifications on the material choices including submission of the brick for the stoop, which is to match the chimney, stucco parging where the front façade is extended, and clarification on the configuration of the shed roof over the new entry vestibule.

On a motion by Ms. Githens, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, the application was approved as submitted with minimal clarifications to the drawings reviewed by the HPC consultant:

1. Note the new brick at the stoop is to match the existing chimney, and
2. Stucco at the base of façade extension is to match main house.

Darby	Yes	Githens	Yes	Herrigel	Yes
McMahon	Absent	Switzer	Yes	Vande Stouwe	Yes
		Moriarty (Alt. 1)	Yes	Grisafi (Alt. 2)	Absent

### 120 Essex Avenue

#### Martha Rand and David Ryzman

Chair Herrigel called for the next application. David Ryzman, Owner, presented the application to replace the front wood stoop with a stone base matching the foundation and bluestone treads and caps at the sidewalls. There is a bluestone landing currently at the bottom of the existing stairs. The stairs and landing will be expanded in width to be on either side of the existing door and sidelights. A new metal railing will be installed that matches the railing at the lower stairs off the sidewalk. The HPC members had several concerns regarding the design, such as the whole assembly appeared to be too large. The lack of railings on the drawings made the design difficult to assess. There was a discussion on the choice of stone materials, which was resolved once it was made clear to the members that the stone would match the foundation visible along the front elevation. The HPC members agreed that the new stairs and landing should be centered on the door; the drawing provided showed it off-center to the left. There were additional concerns on how the stone would integrate with the existing wood at the enclosed porch.

On a motion by Ms. Githens, seconded by Mr. Switzer, the application was approved with the following changes to be approved by subcommittee:

1. Center the new stairs to the existing enclosed porch entrance.
2. The drawings need to be clear to scope including dimensions and the proposed railings.
3. A new drawing should be presented that shows the stair at the side view including the proposed railing and how the rubble stone will integrate with the frame of the enclosed porch.
4. A second new drawing should show the stairs in plan with dimension and showing the integration with the existing walks.

Darby	Yes	Githens	Yes	Herrigel	Yes
McMahon	Absent	Switzer	Yes	Vande Stouwe	Yes
		Moriarty (Alt. 1)	Yes	Grisafi (Alt. 2)	Absent

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adoption of Meeting Minutes:**

August 12, 2020 minutes will be presented at the next months meeting.

**Subcommittee Reports**

None.

**Old Business**

Design Guidelines: Grant kick-off meeting was conducted and the contract is in the process of being prepared and the HPC Consultant is preparing the RFP for the Design Guidelines.

Architect for the HPC: Discussions continued on the importance of finding a new member for the Commission and the goal to find an architect, or someone of similar qualifications.

**New Business**

None.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Ms. Githens, seconded by Mr. Switzer, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Consultant to Glen Ridge HPC