



**ST BOTOLPH AREA ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

*Held virtually via Zoom*

**March 15, 2022**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** *Susan Trowbridge (Chair), Douglas Miller, Richard Henderson*

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** *None*

**STAFF PRESENT:** *Gabriela Amore, Preservation Planner*

A full recording of the hearing is available at [Boston.gov/landmarks](https://www.boston.gov/landmarks)

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**5:17 PM:** Commissioner Trowbridge called the public hearing to order. She explained that, pursuant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, that the public hearing was being conducted virtually via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. She also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing. There were no members of the press present.

Following this brief introduction, she called the first application.

**I. VIOLATIONS**

**APP # 23.0644 SB 123 ST. BOTOLPH STREET**

Applicant: Gary Stavros

Proposed Work: Repaint copper dome with liquid satin metallic paint to bring copper dome at roof back to original appearance.

**Project Representatives:** Gary Stavros was the project representative.

**Documents Presented:** Photos of the existing conditions, plans, and details for the proposed work. Material samples and mockups were also provided.

**Discussion Topics:** The Commission discussed the existing conditions of the



violation, and confirmed that material mockups were provided and a site visit was conducted by staff. The applicant explained that he is offering a personal warranty on the paint product being proposed for use, as the manufacturer does not provide one. He also confirmed that upon discussion with building residents that replacement of the copper panels would not be feasible.

**Public Comment:** Lee Steele, Chair of the St. Botolph Neighborhood Association Architectural Review Committee, expressed his support for the proposed work, and inquired about replacement of the copper and any warranty for the product.

**COMMISSIONER MILLER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION.  
COMMISSIONER TROWBRIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 3-0-0  
(Y: ST, DM, RH) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).**

## II. DESIGN REVIEW

### APP # 23.0671 SB 69 ST. BOTOLPH STREET

Applicant: Laura van Rooyen

Proposed Work: Replace existing door and entryway, ~~replace transom glass with new stained glass.~~ **Withdrawn by applicant**

**Project Representatives:** Laura van Rooyen was the project representative.

**Documents Presented:** Photos of the existing conditions, plans, and details for the proposed work.

**Discussion Topics:** The Commission reviewed the application and considered other appropriate historic precedents for historic door configurations at buildings designed by the same architect as 69 St. Botolph Street. They suggested that the properties at 61 and 63 St. Botolph Street had historically appropriate doors that would be approvable to replicate, and felt the door at 67 St. Botolph was an appropriate influence as well.

**Public Comment:** Lee Steele, Chair of the St. Botolph Neighborhood Association Architectural Review Committee, supported the Commission's comments, and inquired about the applicant's plans for installing new stained glass and address numbers.



**COMMISSIONER HENDERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION WITH PROVISOS. COMMISSIONER MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 3-0-0 (Y: ST, DM, RH) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).**

- The doors at 61, 63, and 67 St. Botolph Street are all appropriate neighborhood options to replicate, with 61 St. Botolph Street & 63 St. Botolph Street as the Commission's preference.
- Details of the proposed door replacement are remanded to staff

**III. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL**

**COMMISSIONER MILLER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW APPLICATIONS, COMMISSIONER HENDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 3-0-0 (Y: ST, DM, RH) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).**

**IV. RATIFICATION OF 11/16/2022 & 2/15/2023 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONER TROWBRIDGE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE 11/16/2022 & 2/15/2023 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES, COMMISSIONER MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 3-0-0 (Y: ST, DM, RH) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).**

**V. STAFF UPDATES**

**VI. ADJOURN – 6:15 PM**

**COMMISSIONER MILLER MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE HEARING, COMMISSIONER TROWBRIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 3-0-0 (Y: ST, DM, RH) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).**