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the insurance company told the homeowner no, that it had to be of solid material. Mr. Church told the Board he was open to suggestions on how they can solve this issue.

Ms. Crabill asked how the previous homeowner had insurance.

Ms. Moody stated she had no idea. She said she had talked to Ms. Huber (the previous homeowner) but had not received that information.

Ms. Crabill asked Ms. Moody if she had advised her insurance company of how the recommendations may turn out since the house is in the Historic District.

Ms. Moody said she asked the insurance company if she could apply lattice or slatted wood material there, but the insurance company said "as long as there is space where animals can get up underneath and it was not easily accessible to store items underneath where fire can be a hazard, they would not insure her."

Ms. Correa asked when this had to be done.

Ms. Moody said they need to take pictures proving that the crawlspace had been enclosed by November.

Mr. Miles said it looked like 2" x 8" horizontal.

Mr. Church said it was 1" x 6" hanging on 2" x 4".

Mr. Miles asked if that would be a sufficient enough of structure to attach the wire lath to it then apply stucco.

Mr. Church said no it's just hanging there; it's not attached to the main structure.

Mr. Miles asked if the whole underside will need to be restructured then.

Mr. Church replied that was correct.

Mr. Miles stated that with a concrete block there will need to be footers, and that would be a challenge.

Mr. Church said that he would leave an access panel in the back of the house.

Motion- made by Mr. Miles to approve the application with the revision as noted by the Chief Building Official requiring the adequate ventilation and a finished stucco area below, and to leave it up to the Official as to what material and application would be appropriate to meet the building code.

Ms. Correa suggested the Board should have discussion before a motion can be made.

Mr. Miles stated that under Roberts Rules there must be a motion before a discussion. Ms. van Rensberg seconded the motion for further discussion.

Discussion-

Ms. Crabill asked if there were any way the homeowner could get in touch with her insurance company and explain that modifying the crawlspace does not meet the Historic Standards.

Ms. Moody asked if the Board could give her a letter stating a recommendation that she could give to her insurance company.

Ms. Crabill suggested the Board should table the crawlspace so they can research a proper way to enclose the crawlspace making it historically appropriate.

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Ms. Moody said they suggested to her insurance company to take the existing boards and just board them up, but that wouldn't work since the boards are only hanging there by hooks.

Ms. Correa suggested since the homeowner has until November to complete the crawlspace the Board should do research and bring this back to the August meeting.

Motion Amended- by Mr. Miles to include the porch enclosure and painting and recommend tabling the crawlspace discussion.

Ms. Correa asked if the porch is enclosed with screen windows and the next homeowner decided to remove the windows and make it back into a screen porch again, will it look the same as before adding the screened windows.

Mr. Church said no it will not, it will need to be rebuilt because he will need to repair and level the floor, the bottom is still going to be novelty siding and relocate the framing for the windows so they fit correctly.

Ms. Crabill asked if it was going to be actual windows and not screening.

Mr. Church said it will be windows.

Ms. Correa said it will be altering the structure.

Ms. Moody said the purpose of enclosing the front porch was to enlarge and extend her studio where her business will be.

Mr. Church said to also provide a handicap opening.

Ms. Moody said she works with stroke survivors and she needed to make it as easy for them as possible.

Amended Motion - seconded by Ms. van Rensberg. All those present voted affirmative. Motion passed.

Other Business- Continuation of the Paint Color Chart workshop

The Board relocated to tables in the middle of the room.

Discussion-

Ms. Correa asked to discuss Commissioner Kitchens comments before stating the paint chart workshop. She asked if there were any thoughts or concerns on her comments.

Ms. Crabill commented the more information and education the Historic Board gives to the Commissioners the better it's going to be for the Commissioners to understand their reason for a paint color chart. Personal opinions need to be put aside.

The Board members took out their samples.

Ms. McCamey requested the Board to refresh themselves with the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation (SISR) book she handed out to each member in the past. She said this will help the Board with their decision making. She made an example to the Board advising them that according to the SISR when modifying a structure it needs to be modified in such a way so if needed it can come back to the original esthetics, referencing them to their approval of the front porch enclosure, since it will be rebuilt and the openings relocated their approval was against the SISR recommendation.

Ms. Correa, reminded the Board that they need to be very careful with their color choices because the SISR states the color should be of the era and style of the structure not what they Board thinks is nice or pretty.

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Mr. Miles, showed different manufacturer paint samples. He said even though they are not on historic color charts they appear to be the same as what are on historic color charts.

Ms. Correa, showed the Board two actual Sherwin Williams® paint color charts from the 1920's & 1960's, and said these color choices are not even on today's historical color charts for Sherwin Williams®. She questioned their authenticity.

Mr. Miles stated if they chose 20 base colors to start with it would be a easier to come up with final choices.

Ms. Van Rensberg, offered to get copies of the City of Saint Augustine's color charts, it would be much easier to use as a starting point.

Motion- to table until the August 5th meeting made by Mr. Miles. Seconded made by Ms. Crabill. All those present voted affirmative. Motion passed.

Motion- to adjourn made by Mr. Miles. Seconded made by Ms. Crabill. All those present voted affirmative. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.