


CITY OF CLAREMONT
Historic District Commission
Thursday, December 29, 2005
Council Chambers, City Hall, Claremont, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES
Approved 2/23/06

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Chair Messier

I. Roll Call:

Present: David Messier, Susan Doody, John Hall, Jeffrey Barrette, Deborah Cutts

Absent: Tony Zullo, Frederick Kuriger, Trinity Dix, Winn Alley

II. Appointments:

- John Hall is appointed for Tony Zullo

III. Report of Secretary:

- Minutes from November 21, 2005 meeting.

Motion: To accept the minutes of November 21, 2005

Made by: Mr. Barrette

Second: Mr. Hall

Vote: Unanimous

IV. New Business:

- **John King and Cliff Ramunto, 71 Broad Street, Claremont, NH 03743** - A Certificate of Appropriateness Application has been submitted to install new signs at 71 Broad Street and for mechanical equipment on roof of building. Map 120, Lot 17, Zone MUM. Property owners of record, Desmond and Kelly Willy.
 - John King presents for Ramunto's Brick Oven Pizza and thanks the commission for accommodating schedule. Bob from Yankee Signs passes out revised plans and refers to sample MDO material which is being proposed as backing and describes attributes of raised PVC lettering being maintenance free and done in acrylic enamel. Summarizes that proposed sign material (MDO based with PVC raised lettering) has a historic appearance along with durability.
 - Applicant proposes goosenecks being in black that would match trim on the top of the building. Ms. Cutts requests verification that the new information distributed is the sign that will be used; Mr. King confirms.
 - Ms. Cutts questions possibility of the sign on the front of the building being higher so that it does not obstruct the brickwork; sign maker verifies that it can be repositioned but the signs that face Water St. and the other side of the building may not have room to be positioned above the arch. Chair Messier questions front sign location. Sign maker describes position on front of building being to the left of the door. Commission members discuss positioning of signs so that brick work is not covered. Chair Messier questions if some type of sealant or border would need to go around the edges of proposed sign. Sign maker explains that MDO does not need this and points out using sample sign, PVC letters will be peg system and backing is wood.
 - Mr. King states the need to cut a hole in the back of the building in order to bring in 4 or 5 brick ovens but that the bricks will be replaced with bricks from other mill buildings. Applicant adds that they are in the process of negotiating parking with the city. Mr. Barrette brings up roof top mechanical equipment and applicant responds that he has not yet been able to submit specs to the Building Inspector. Equipment will be located on the back wall and the center window will come out, mechanical equipment on roof may be painted black to blend into rooftop. Ms. Cutts questions height of mechanical equipment and applicant responds that he does not currently have that information but will make sure that it is done as tastefully as possible so that it is not noticeable. Chair Messier points out that due to roof line slopes it would be best if the equipment is painted black. Ms. Cutts questions if applicant should return after Building Inspector goes through approval process. Consensus is that this would not be necessary.

Motion: to accept signage (MDO based, PVC raised letters applied, 3 signs - 1 in the front located left of the door, 1 on south side of building located above arch of window and 1 on the north side that may have to cover the arch of the window) and roof mechanical equipment to be done as tastefully as possible.

Made by: Mr. Barrette

Second: Ms. Cutts

Vote: Unanimous

- Chair Messier replaces previous information with revised information for file.

V. Other:

- Chair Messier states need to discuss Certificate of Appropriateness should go on agenda.
- Next meeting will take place at 7 p.m.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn

Made By: Mr. Hall

Second: Ms. Doody

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Suzanne Ripka
Boards and Commissions Coordinator