



Historic District Commission Meeting
Thursday, July 26, 2007
Council Chambers, City Hall, Claremont at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chair Hall at 7:02 PM

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Jason Farrell, Lori Richardson, Trinity Dix, John Hall, Brenda Taite

Absent: Deborah Cutts, David Messier

II. Appointments

- Appoint Trinity Dix as a regular member

III. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY - Minutes of June 28, 2007 Meeting

Motion to: Minutes of June 28, 2007 Meeting approved

Made by: Ms. Taite **Second:** Mr. Ferrell **Vote:** Unanimous

IV. New Business:

- **(07-2007) Paul Ivanov, 716 Center Road, Cornish NH 03745** - A Certificate of Appropriateness Application has been submitted to demolish a shed and a porch attached to the side of the house at **39 Central Street**, Map 119, Lot 354, Zone R-2.

No one present representing the application. Ms. Aiken to contact the applicant and request them to bring photos to the meeting.

Motion to: continue application to the next meeting on August 23, 2007

Made by: Ms. Richardson **Second:** Ms. Taite **Vote:** Unanimous

- **(08-2007) Desmond & Kelly Willey, 1335 Hunt Road, Windsor, VT 05089** - A Certificate of Appropriateness Application has been submitted to replace windows and complete exterior work on the retaining wall at **71 Broad Street, Ramunto's Pizza**, Map 120, Lot 17, Zone MUM.

Ms. Willey presented photos of the building and the retaining wall. There are two different projects happening at this time. They are installing 2 windows on the river side where there are none and also replacing the retaining wall. The retaining wall is deteriorating and they have moved the propane tank that was sinking in. Mr. Hall asked if there were any windows there previously. Ms. Willey advised that there are not, and they will be installing the same type of iron clad windows that the other windows are made of. The windows will be identical to what is there now, just a smaller size. Mr. Farrell asked if there would be any kitchen venting. Ms. Willey advised that there would not be, they are adding the windows for some air in the room. Mr. Farrell asked if the fencing was going to be moved. Ms. Willey advised that she does not believe that is going to be touched.

Review Criteria 1-6

Move that the compatibility to the building located at 71 Broad Street has historical, architectural, and cultural value of the building and whether it relates and contributes to the setting as it is a continuation and preserves the integrity of the

building. The windows are below the bridge and are the same previously approved windows. The application would enhance the integrity of the structure.

Move that the applicant's proposal will have no adverse affect on the setting and will help preserve and enhance the historic and architectural and cultural qualities of the district and community by enhancing the safety and structural integrity of the building

Motion to: to accept the applicant's proposal as presented to replace the windows and repair the retaining wall

Made by: Mr. Farrell **Second:** Ms. Richardson **Vote:** Unanimous

V. Correspondence

- o Thank you letter to Preservation Planner Emily Paulus
- o Certificate of Appropriateness issued to The Board Room
- o Certificate of Appropriateness issued to All Around Towne Photography
- o Email from Psu-Heritage Commission, Kim Doherty looking for other HDC opinions

Discussion among the board members regarding the email from Kim Doherty. Chair Hall had a question of how did they determine the district having a building in the HDC that is off the beaten path, there were some unanswered questions there. This is the same as the Stevens High School flashing sign, where schools are exempt from zoning.

- o Wall Street Journal article: An Inconvenient Turbine: Conservation vs. Preservation

Discussion among the board members regarding the types of materials that are used and how times are changing and materials should be reviewed from time to time. Ms. Aiken offered to have a speaker come talk to them about historic construction materials.

Discussion on questions from the previous workshop we had, with ideas regarding new signs that could be erected with maybe an HDC logo or a different color street sign which would distinguish the street as being in the Historic District. Ms. Aiken advised she would ask Bruce Temple to attend the next meeting to discuss the possibility of sign changes.

Also discussion on the possibility of have the Historic District in a HD Zone or something like it, would have to be something that is worked on with the Master Plan Committee and the HDC could provide some suggestions. This would help people who are buying property in the HD and this would also make it easier for Realtors, City officials, etc knowing what can be done in that area.

- o Municipal Volunteer Awards Form
- o Save the Date : OEP Fall Conference

VI. Reports of Boards and Commissions

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to: To Adjourn

Made by: Ms. Dix **Second:** Mr. Farrell **Vote:** Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:51 pm

Respectfully Submitted By,

Michelle Aiken

Boards and Commissions Coordinator