

Historic District Commission Meeting
Thursday, June 25, 2009
Approved August 27, 2009
Council Chambers, City Hall, Claremont at 7:20 pm

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chair Messier at 7:00 PM

- I. ROLL CALL
 - a. Present: Jason Farrell, John Hall, , James Gagnon, David Messier.
Deborah Cutts
 - b. Absent:, Trinity Dix, Brian Rapp
- II. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY –
- III. Old Business –Continued

(08-2009) Douglas Roberts, 11 Oakwood Drive, Claremont, NH- A Certificate of Appropriateness has been submitted requesting approval for a second means of egress located on the exterior of house located at 34 Union Street, Tax Map 37, Lot 12, Zone I-2.

Applicant was not present to discuss application. As presented the application would not pass HDC Guidelines. Application was continued to July meeting with the desire that the applicant would be notified of the continuance and advised to bring a new/revised proposal(s).

Motion to: Continue application to July meeting.

Made by: John Hall Second: David Messier Vote: Unanimous

It was discussion was made over the need to have more clear lines of communication of roles and duties of each department and how relation of information to applicants can be done in a way that helps the applicant find alternatives so as to be better prepared with options rather than being asked to spend money that may lead to something that is not acceptable to one body of City Ordinance vs. another. Example being, the Safety Code officer is not at liberty to approve or disapprove an alteration to a building that may pass Safety and building Code requirements, but fails to pass HDC requirements. Conversely we are not able to approve a design and say that it would be code worthy from a Safety perspective.

- IV. New Business:

- (09-2009) Granite State College, 27 Pleasant Street, Claremont, N.H. – A Certificate of Appropriateness Application has been submitted requesting approval for a perpendicular sign to hang over entrance to office on bracket assembly. Sign will be 2’x4’ rectangle printed on both sides. Tax Map: 120, Lot: 73, Zone B-1.
 - Applicant not present to describe proposal. Board reviewed application as presented.

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Criteria #1 – NA

Criteria #2 – not applicable

Criteria #3 – not applicable

Criteria #4 –Sign is in keeping with other Signs no negative impact

Criteria #5 –Enhance the public knowledge of building use does not negatively effect district.

Criteria #6 –Does not conflict with Department of Interior guidelines for rehabilitation.

Motion to: Accept application as presented.

Made by: David Gagnon Second: Jason Farrell Vote: Unanimous

- (10-2009) Legacy Holdings LLC, d/b/a Ramunto’s Restaurant, 71 Broad Street, Claremont, N.H. Applicant is requesting approval for 1’x6’ sign to be hung from the commercial building. Tax Map 120, Lot: 17, Zone MUM.

The sign will hang on the back corner of water st, be one sided, and visible from water st. It will be hunter green with a line boarder, beige off white background, burgundy lettering.

20th century Level II building.

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Criteria #3 – not applicable

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Motion to: Accept application as presented.

Made by: Deb Cutts Second: John Hall Vote: Unanimous

Jason Farrell added from a previous application that a wrought iron fence that had been replaced with a wooden split rail fence, be restored as was originally approved in the previous application submitted by the applicant.

- (11-2009) Carmella's, 50 Pleasant Street, Claremont, N.H.-Applicant is requesting approval of a 3'x5' hanging sign to be located at new Italian Restaurant at 50 Pleasant Street. Tax Map 120, Lot: 84, Zone B-1.

Applicant Daniel Mott presented.

3x3 sign of the restaurants logo, will hang as a dagger. Two lights at bottom held by black Pole, Non swinging chain. The lights are existing taking Same Space as Sophia and Zekes. The sign will be shaped as the logo.

Mid Century modern building, one story with a different profile than other buildings on Pleasant St.

Criteria #1 – Sign is appropriate for building and district. Criteria #2 – not applicable

Criteria #3 – not applicable

Criteria #4 –Sign will be positive impact on building and district.

Criteria #5 –

Criteria #6 –Does not conflict with Department of Interior guidelines for rehabilitation.

Motion to: Accept application as presented.

Made by: Dave Messier Second: James Gagnon Vote: Unanimous

V. Reports of Boards and Commissions

- No Reports

VI. Other

- Can we tap into the budget available to boards to hire a note taker?

VII. Correspondence

Certificate of Appropriateness

- Claremont Goodfella's Properties, 27-37 Pleasant Street
- New Branch Properties, LLC, 37 Main Street.
- Union Block Co, 1 Pleasant Street.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to: Adjourn
Made by: John Hall Second: David Messier

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted By,

John Hall
Vice Chair