

***Draft Minutes***

**Exeter Heritage Commission**

**Nowak Room**

**Exeter Town Office Bldg**

**October 12, 2012.**

**Members present:** Julie Gilman, Mary Dupré and Chairman, Peter Michaud. Also in attendance Code Enforcement Officer Doug Eastman

Chairman Michaud called the meeting to order at 9:05 am in the Nowak Room of the Town Office Building.

Mr. Michaud noted this meeting was to review a document given by Ms. Anne Bushnell to Mr. Eastman to help determine the age of the garage structure following a discussion of the demolition review application at the regular Heritage Commission meeting on October 10, 2012.

In reviewing the application of Ms. Bushnell to demolish the garage at her residence at 12 Front St. varied documents and resources were reviewed in an attempt to determine the age of the structure. Mr. Michaud researched the Sanborn maps of Exeter that located structures on a map for insurance purposes. He was able to start with maps dating from 1888 up to 1943 when at that time the format was altered. He was unable to obtain maps of the 30' and 40's but felt the structure was built after 1945 with salvaged materials. Ms. Bushnell stated she had a copy of a Sanborn map dated 1964 noting the garage was not present and would bring to Mr. Eastman. It was agreed if she found the document a special meeting of the Heritage Commission would be scheduled to view the map and possibly make a decision.

Based on the provided map/document Mr. Michaud felt the Commission now knows they are dealing with a building built in the late 60's. Using typical survey methodology it is less than 50 years of age. Because substitute materials were used in the construction the earlier site visit made it difficult to determine the date of construction. Mr. Eastman will verbally advise Ms. Bushnell of the conclusion and convey it was excellent information and very helpful. Mr. Michaud stress the demolition review committee is only an advisory committee and the final decision will be by the HDC because the structure is located in the Historic District. That being said, a written response will also be addressed to the HDC stating the DRC has no problem with the application. It appears to be a time sensitive issue as Ms. Bushnell has a prospective buyer for the property and wishes this to be finalized. A conversation with the HDC Chair will be had to see what can be done to expedite the application as quickly as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Raub  
Recording Secretary

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