

**Historic District Commission
September 20, 2012**

Members present: Patrick Gordon, Wendy Bergeron, Fred Kollmorgen, Len Benjamin, Ron Schutz and Chairwoman Pam Gjettum

Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman Pam Gjettum called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the Wheelwright Room in the Town Office Building.

New Business: Public Hearing

The application of James Berberian (d/b/a Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt) for a change in the signage display at 130 Water Street. The subject property is located in the C-1, Central Area Commercial zoning district. Tax Map Parcel #72-224. Case #12-10.

Mr. Berberian was unable to attend but his partner; Mr. Jim Alex presented the application. They wish to replace a pre-existing hanging sign off the façade of the building with a 2' x 4' sign suspended with black chains on an existing bracket. It will be made of high density urethane (HDU), painted with recessed carved logo and lettering. (Dimensions and design of signage accompanied the application).

They anticipate opening in two weeks and have other plans for signage but will return with more definitive plans. For now they wish approval of this application.

Mr. Kollmorgen moved to accept the application; Ms. Bergeron seconded. Motion passed. Ms. Gjettum explained *acceptance* means the application is complete; discussion will follow before *approval*.

Mr. Schutz asked if the sign material HDU could be replaced with wood or a wood substitute. Commission has a history of requiring wood-like materials such as Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF) or Medium Density Overlay (MDO) for the signs (within HDC); the concern as plastic ages it becomes crazed, cracked and warped. (Ms. Gjettum reading from handbook noted plastic signs are strongly discouraged) Mr. Alex has no problem replacing the materials; will confer with his sign maker and relay the concerns.

Mr. Kollmorgen moved to approve the application subject to the sign being of wood or a wood substitute; seconded by Mr. Benjamin. Motion passed.

The continued public hearing on the application of Christopher M. Cooper and Amanda Reynolds Cooper for the replacement of windows in the existing structure located at 152 High Street; and approval of a residential Alewife sign to be placed on the front of the home. The subject property is located in the R-2, Single Family Residential Zoning district. Tax Map Parcel #70-54. Case #12-08

Mr. Kollmorgen moved to table the application on the window replacements as the applicants were not present; seconded by Ms. Bergeron.

(The discussion for the Historic Alewife sign for the dwelling was at the August 16, 2012 meeting and determined the documents presented did reflect the residency of Carl Akeley)

Other Business

- Approval of Minutes of August 16, 2012

Ms. Bergeron moved to accept the draft minutes of the August 16, 2012 meeting with the correction of a date as noted; seconded by Mr. Gordon. Motion passed with Mr. Schutz and Mr. Benjamin abstaining.

With no further business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Raub

Recording Secretary