

## Historic District Commission

October 25, 2012

**Members present:** Len Benjamin, Ron Schutz, Julie Gilman 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 Anne C. Bushnell for the proposed demolition of the garage structure located on the property at 12 Front Street. The subject property is located in the C-1, Central Area Commercial zoning district. Tax Map Parcel #72-2. Case #12-13.**

Ms. Bushnell, speaking to the application explained her residence is For Sale and has been for some time. It appears prospective buyers do not wish to have the structure on the property. For that reason she wished to remove it.

Ms. Gjettum read a letter from Peter Michaud, Chairman of the Heritage Commission, stating after a thorough review by the Demolition Review Committee the committee has no objections to the planned demolition of the garage. (Letter on file with Recording Secretary)

Feeling the application was complete, Mr. Schutz moved to accept the application; seconded by Mr. Benjamin. Motion carried.

With no further discussion as it was a detached building and not an historic building, Mr. Schutz moved to approve. Although Mr. Schutz did inquire as to Ms. Bushnell's plans for the opened space; perhaps to continue the grassed area. Ms. Bushnell replied she was not going to proceed with the actual demolition; wanted the approval (for the removal) to be on record. Mr. Schutz did advise the demolition permit was only valid for one year. Ms. Gilman seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried.

**The application of the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce for new signage at 24 Front Street. The subject property is in the C-1 Central Area commercial zoning district. Tax Map Parcel #72-159. Case #12-14.**

Mr. Bert Bourgeois, owner of the 24 Front Street property agreed to present the application because Mr. Michael Schidlovsky, President of the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce was unable to attend. Mr. Bourgeois brought in the 4' x 27" sign the Chamber used at their previous location but have not displayed it at the 24 Front Street address. Because additional signage at the address requires HDC approval, Mr. Bourgeois decided on a new sign post with two arms (the present sign post is the single arm) to accommodate the Chamber sign.

In conversing on the new signage and the contractor, Mr. Schutz inquired to the material of the proposed sign. Mr. Bourgeois did not know the exact material but felt it was a composite; was advised approved materials are normally either wood or Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF). Mr. Bourgeois apologized for not knowing more details but noted it is the Chamber's proposal and he has not been involved in the process. It was also noted the design represented on the application states the new sign will be 2' x 3' and Mr. Bourgeois was uncertain as to those dimensions as the Chamber intended to use their original sign.

Minutes approved at December 20, 2012 meeting

Because the Commission needs more information as to the material and the size of the proposed sign (and the additional signs on the post), Mr. Schutz proposed to table the Application until the November 15, 2012 HDC meeting.

So moved.

**Other Business:**

- Approval of minutes of October 18, 2012.  
Ms. Gilman moved to approve the draft minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Schutz. Motion carried

With no further business, the motion was made to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Raub  
Recording Secretary