

Exeter Heritage Commission

Wheelwright Room

Exeter Town Office bldg.

November 13, 2013

Members present: John Merkle, Mary Dupre, Julie Gilman, Chairman, Pam Gjettum, HDC Rep.

Chairman Gilman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the Wheelwright Room of the Town Office building.

Ms. Gilman noted first discussion was about the demolition of 1 Franklin Street, Wetheral Garage. Ms. Gilman, Mr. Merkle and Ms. Gjettum viewed this property. This building was built in 1912 and opened as a garage in 1914. Its construction type is block form which looks like quoins. Also, the commission will perform a full review of 25 and 29 Franklin Street.

Ms. Gilman requested a motion that the HDC wait 30 days for HC to have a public hearing before any demolition is done. This building is important enough to go through the public process. So moved by Mr. Merkle; seconded by Ms. Dupre. With no further discussion, motion carried.

20 Franklin Street was seen by Ms. Gilman, Mr. Merkle and Ms. Gjettum and all agree that it needs to be demolished.

The two homes at the end of Franklin Street are still on their original foundations. They are clearly from the 1800s, but run down and encased in plastic. They are not in very good shape. Ms. Gilman will inform the inspectors that it is full route on 25 and 29 Franklin Street.

Next agenda, the 375<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Gilman is working with the Parade Committee. This year the title is, "Exeter through the Years". She would like to see the selectmen carrying a banner that might say something like "Marching since 1639".

Properties at risk are: 196 High Street. This property is for sale. It is not on the list for demolition, but some are looking to tear it down. Some research may have to be done on this property and it is owned by someone in Merrimack, not Exeter.

New business: Grant Process. Ms. Gilman stated that she received the language and RFP. She applied for \$15,500, but got \$14,400. The grant sat on the council's desk for two months and it still has to be signed.

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Next meeting is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Gilman will send out to all using the contractor's list.

Minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

With no further business, Ms. Gilman asked for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Mr. Merkle; seconded by Ms. Dupre. Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Herrick  
Recording Secretary

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