

Exeter Historical District Commission

Final Minutes

December 18, 2014

Call meeting to order: Patrick Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Wheelwright Room of the Exeter Town Office Building.

Members present: Julie Gilman, Selectwoman, Pam Gjettum, Fred Kollmorgen, Len Benjamin, Valerie Ouellette and Patrick Gordon, Chairman

Patrick started the meeting off by introducing the commission members. Patrick then asked that the first business be the approval of the November 13, 2014 minutes. After a few changes, Fred made a motion to approve. Pam seconded. All were in favor of minutes being approved with the changes.

Patrick then asked Mr. Goodrich if he would like to present or represent. He is working for GAB Trust for the proposed installation of replacement windows in the building located at 24 Front Street. What the Trustee would like to do is upgrade the windows because they are not very good. He would like to date the building back to 1909. Mr. Goodrich passed out a photo of what the applicant would like to have the building look like.

Patrick asked Mr. Goodrich if he wanted to present the application to the commission. Patrick stated that for public record, the commission needed it to be presented. Mr. Goodrich then stated that the Trustee would like to replace 136 windows in the building. Mr. Goodrich stated that he is not sure if the manufacturer matters at this point. Patrick stated that it does in terms of what materials will be used. They have narrowed the manufacturers down at this point to two. Mr. Goodrich stated that the exterior of the window would be metal clad. They will not be using vinyl. The windows will be replacement windows so the white casing will stay in place and the sash comes out and the new unit goes in. It will be brick with a white casing around it and a black sash in the center. Fred asked if they would be 2 over 1 and Mr. Goodrich stated that is what they would like to do.

Patrick stated that he was looking at this from a sense of I went back to building code for the town and under Section 8.9 and in last paragraph says to preserve the character of this house and also to make decisions with respect to the secretary of interior standards to restore products. In the secretary of interior standards, it does define that properties can have historic value because of an event. Patrick stated that returning this building to its post fire look with the 2 over 1 is very respectful of returning it to a history in time.

Patrick then stated to mimic the photo, 2 over 1, simulated lights and then the exterior materials either aluminum clad or fiberglass, no vinyl.

Fred made a motion to accept the application. Len seconded. All were in favor and application accepted. Patrick asked if anyone had any further discussion for this application. There was none and Len made a motion to approve the application. Patrick seconded. All were in favor and application was approved.

Other Business:

Discussion of the CLG Grant. Julie handed out information earlier regarding the grant. She stated that the commission got approval for \$13,000 for events. There should be four events. The primary goal of this is to update the design guidelines and make improvements in the zoning ordinances. The rest of it is reaching out to the public and providing information and telling them a little story about the commission. We will be working with the Heritage Commission as well in some of these events.

Pam asked if any of the \$13,000 would be going towards make new flyers for the walking tours. Both Julie and Patrick stated that it was. Pam stated that the Historical Society only has around 100 flyers left and they need to have more printed. Julie stated that they should make black and white ones, not colored because she cannot say when this money will be available. She stated that herself, Patrick and Nicole would be sitting down and trying to organize what will be done.

Patrick stated that the next step is Nicole, Julie and I are going to meet next Monday at 6 pm and are going to try and organize an outline of the next calendar year of how we will be doing these different things. Anyone interested is welcome to join. Julie picked Pimentos for this meeting.

Patrick stated that for the consultant's review of the historic guidelines, right now the guidelines that we have right now are nothing more than guidelines. They are only suggestions and not written. Nothing is written into our zoning ordinance. Julie stated that she might argue with Patrick about this because it uses the word guideline in its title because there are pages when they do talk about things that are required. This is something that the commission can change.

With no further business, Patrick made a motion to adjourn. Fred seconded. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Herrick
Recording Secretary