

Exeter Historic District Commission

July 20, 2017

Final Minutes

Call meeting to Order: Curtis Boivin, Vice Chair, called meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Nowak Room of the Exeter Town Office Building.

Members present: Julie Gilman, Selectwoman, Curtis Boivin, Vice Chair, Valerie Ouellette, Clerk, Gregory Colling, Nicholas Gray

New Business: Public Hearing: Curtis stated that the commission's agenda is business from the last meeting because there was not a quorum. Curtis then asked for a motion to accept the application of La Cascade Du Chocolat, LLC for new signage on the building located at 109 Water Street. Julie made a motion to accept the application as complete. Gregory seconded. All were in favor and application accepted. Curtis then asked the commission if there were any questions or comments on the application. Julie stated that because there was not vote initially, it was just a suggestion, so now the commission is taking an official vote. Julie then made a motion to approve the application. Valerie seconded. All were in favor and the application was approved.

Next Business: There was no one present for the application of the Masiello Group/Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate for new signage on the structure located at 2 Center Street. Julie made a motion to table the application until next month's meeting. Gregory seconded. All were in favor and the application tabled.

Approval of the Minutes for May 18th and June 15, 2017. The commission reviewed May 18th first. Julie then made a motion to accept the minutes. Gregory seconded. All were in favor and minutes approved. Next are the minutes from June 15th. There was not enough for a quorum for this meeting. Julie made the suggestion that the commission change the minutes from a meeting to a work session. Gregory made a motion to accept the work session minutes. Curtis seconded and minutes approved.

Next on the agenda is the paint selection for the Spring Bridge. The commission had several sample colors to look at. Julie stated that the samples have been available for awhile. She and Patrick have been out to the bridge several times to choose the color. Their first choice was 8464 and second choice was 8462, which is the darker one. Julie stated that the lighter color would be affected by the rain and the darker one would not. Gregory stated that he had no idea what the life span of the bridge would be. Valerie stated that she had asked that question in the past and was told 30 years. Curtis stated that the consensus for the color was 8464. Gregory said that it is hard for him to judge any color under the florescent lights, so he will look at them after the meeting.

A representative for Better Homes and Gardens just arrived. Curtis stated that the commission had already taken a vote to table the application because the commission did not know they were coming. Julie made a motion to rescind the decision to table the application. Valerie seconded. All were in favor and application will be presented. Bill Lustic got up to speak. He stated that he owns Signarama in Concord, NH. They are presently doing a job for Better Homes and Gardens which is located on the corner of Water Street and Center Street. What they are asking approval for is to install some letters that will be stud mounted on the soffits and this will be on the Water Street side. On the Center Street

side, they will put vinyl letters on the window. Julie asked where the direction signs would be mounted. Bill stated they will be mounted on the Water Street side of the building. Gregory asked if the window signage would be interior or exterior. Bill stated they originally laid it out for the exterior, but it is all white. They will install in or out, whatever the commission prefers because it is not a problem. Curtis stated that the commission does not have a preference for it being on the inside. Bill prefers to put them on the outside. Curtis asked if there was a final color selected by the client. They will be painted dark green. Gregory stated when you attach signage to a masonry building, it is better if you locate the fasteners into the joints and not into the brick because it damages the brick. Bill will make sure they do this and that it is standard operating procedure. Curtis then asked the commission if there were any other questions or comments on the application and there were not. Julie made a motion to accept the application. Valerie seconded. All were in favor and application accepted. Curtis stated that he thinks it is an appropriate sign and does not have an issue with the application. Julie had a question about the durability of the window letters. Bill stated that they can peel. It is a four year vinyl that will be used so it should not peel or fade during this time. Curtis asked if there were any more questions or comments. Gregory had a question about the height of the letters. Bill stated he was pretty sure it was a foot. Curtis then stated if there were no other questions, he would ask for a motion to approve the application. Gregory made the motion to approve with the sign with the directional signs being mounted on the joints and not the brick. Julie seconded. All were in favor and application was approved.

Curtis then mentioned the colors again for the Spring Bridge. Gregory will look at them tonight after this meeting. Nicholas has no problem with the darker color, 8462. Gregory just wanted to be clear on what the first choice was again. Curtis stated it was 8464, which is the lighter one. Three are for the light color and three are for the darker one. Curtis then asked who makes the final decision on the color – Patrick? Julie stated that it is just a consensus.

Julie then stated that she passed out the Rules and Procedures for the new members to review and if there are any questions, they can be discussed at the next meeting. Julie then stated that the Board of Selectmen are putting together some training sessions.

With no further business on the agenda, Julie made a motion to adjourn. Gregory seconded. All were in favor and meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Herrick
Recording Secretary