

Exeter Historic District Commission

October 19, 2017

Final Minutes

Call Meeting to Order: Patrick Gordon, Chairman, called meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Nowak Room of the Exeter Town Office Building.

Members present: Patrick Gordon, Chairman, Julie Gilman, Selectwoman, Pam Gjettum, Clerk, Curtis Boivin, Vice Chair, Valerie Ouellette, Gregory Colling

Patrick started the meeting off with calling for a motion to move the Work Session down on the agenda until after the public hearings. The reason is that a work session does not need to be a public meeting. The public meeting will be closed after the new business and then have the Work Session. He then again asked for the motion and Pam made the motion to move the Work Session. Julie seconded. All were in favor and the Work Session was moved until after all of the new business.

New Business: Public Hearings: The application of Elliott Berkowitz for change to an existing structure for the proposed construction of a metal awning over the riverside stairs on the building located at 109-113 Water Street. Mr. Berkowitz spoke and stated that the present awning is a safety issue. The water going down it causes ice on the back steps. The commission members had a package showing what Mr. Berkowitz wants to do. He does not want much of a pitch and would like it to be as flat as possible. He stated that it will be all black. Patrick stated that the awning cannot be flat. Gregory stated that Mr. Berkowitz also would want to have the snow fall off of it so that does not become a hazard. Patrick stated that the commission would like the pitch to be 2" up by 12 across. Julie asked if it was going to be installed over the arches of the windows. Mr. Berkowitz stated that it would be.

Gregory suggested to Mr. Berkowitz that whoever is doing the installation, that they fasten it to the masonry joints and not the brick.

Patrick then asked the commission if they had any other questions or comments. There were none. Patrick then asked for a motion to accept the application. Pam made the motion to accept. Curtis seconded. All were in favor and the application was accepted. Patrick asked the commission if there was any other discussion needed or anyone from the public who wanted to speak out for or against this application. There were none. Patrick then asked for a motion to approve the application. Julie made a motion to approve the application with the condition that the pitch be at 2" by 12 and fasteners be attached to the masonry joints and not the brick. Pam seconded. All were in favor and application was approved.

Next is the application of Mark Leighton (on behalf of Phillips Exeter Academy) for new construction of storage sheds at Peabody Hall. The property is located at 49 Front Street. Anita Bailey was present to represent the academy. Anita passed out an additional sheet of their plan to the commission. The storage sheds will be placed behind the building. She stated that the faculty requested these sheds to store bikes, carriages, etc. Anita walked the commission through the plans of the academy for these sheds. Anita stated that the academy has an alternate plan. The paper work shows that the sheds are a little smaller. No decision has been made as of yet. It probably will not be decided until the Spring. Curtis stated that there are two different drawings of the sheds. He then stated that the drawing show three different sizes for the sheds. Rob Harberson is the architect for the academy and put the package

together. Rob stated that there were three options. He explained that the reason was because there are some utilities there underground and they do not know exactly where they are. He stated the first option has an A or B. The second option is for it to be up against the back wall. He then stated that as far as the roof drains go, they go below grade. Rob stated that the starting point for the design was what is a normal head height for a door so you can actually get into it and maximize the depth. He then stated that the one on the back wall is less desirable because you would not be able to stand in that space. Curtis asked about the flashing detail from the metal roof. Rob stated they would use a manufacturer detail for the flashing.

Patrick checked with the commission and no one had anymore questions or comments. He then asked for a motion to accept the application. Julie made the motion to accept. Curtis seconded. All were in favor and application was accepted. He asked is anyone from the public wanted to speak for or against the application and there were none. Curtis then made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Julie seconded. All were in favor and application was approved.

Patrick stated that as part of the public hearing before he closes it, he wanted to bring up some business that was not on the agenda. A language that was a change to the Zoning Board's language that was received from the Town Planner, Dave Sharpels. He would like the commission to make a recommendation to the Planning Board. Patrick asked the commission if they were ready to make that recommendation. They all have had time to review or make comments. There were none so Patrick asked for a motion for the recommendation to be made to the Planning Board. Julie made the motion for the Planning Board. Pam seconded. All were in favor and motion approved. Patrick stated that he will send a letter to Dave.

Other Business: Approval of Minutes for September 21,2017. The commission reviewed the minutes and there were a few changes. Julie made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Curtis seconded. All were in favor and minutes approved.

Patrick then closed the Public Hearing. Julie made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Curtis seconded. All were in favor and meeting adjourned.

The commission then started the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Herrick
Recording Secretary