

Exeter Historic District Commission

February 15, 2018

Final Minutes

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

Members present: Julie Gilman, Selectwoman, Pam Gjettum, Clerk, Valerie Ouellette, Curtis Bolvin, Vice Chair, Patrick Gordon, Chairman, Nicholas Gray

New Business: Public Hearings: Continued discussion on the application of Anne C. Bushnell, Trustee of the Anne C. Bushnell 2004 Trust as amended and restated 2011 for change to an existing structure for the demolition of the rear 520 square-foot addition of the existing structure located at 12 Front Street. Patrick then asked if there was a representative here to discuss this and Alyssa Murphy stepped up to speak. Patrick stated that as a recap, the commission has a conditional approval on this case and asked for details to come back. Alyssa stated that she was back to give a little more detail on what would be happening. The commission had a packet showing the drawings and details of the plan. Patrick asked if she has a manufacturer for the windows and she does not yet and the windows will be wood. Curtis asked about the framing. He does not understand why the beam is not showing like a typical porch. Alyssa stated she knows it is not typical, but she was attempting to match what was next door. After some discussion back and forth, Alyssa has no problem with the beam showing. Curtis stated that he felt it would be easier for Alyssa to have a standard detail and she agrees. Patrick then stated that the commission's recommendation would be to have a beam underneath. Patrick then asked for a recommendation detailing to beam, box with wood trim and painted white. Julie stated that she appreciates the materials being used and keeping it new, but not new. Patrick then asked the commission if they had any more questions or concerns and there were none. None from the public either. Patrick then called for a motion to complete this case as amended on December 21, 2017. Patrick then asked for a motion to accept what was shown tonight as satisfying the conditional approval. Julie made a motion to accept the presentation as meeting the required conditions of the December 21, 2017 meeting. Pam seconded. All were in favor and application approved. Curtis then asked if this approval includes the beams they decided on tonight. Julie then withdrew her original motion. She then made a motion to accept as satisfied the conditions of the commission's approval on December 21, 2017 with the addition of changing the beams on the porch and wood windows as discussed. Pam seconded. All were in favor except for Valerie who abstained and application approved.

Next is the application of Excel Construction Management (on behalf of Freedman Realty Inc.) for change to the existing structure located at 173 Water Street. The applicant is requesting review of modifications to the existing building to construct a 26-space covered parking lot and associated site improvements. Patrick stated that he has a letter from Excel Construction Management asking for continuation of their application into the March meeting. Patrick then asked for a motion to table this application until the March 15, 2018 March meeting. Julie stated so moved. All were in favor and application tabled.

Wendell Ring is an abutter and lives at 163 Water Street, Apt. 1B. He then stated that he was not duly notified of their application for this meeting by registered mail. He did not know what to think and went to the town hall and saw that they were on the agenda for this meeting. Patrick then asked if he was

the property owner and he stated that he is. Patrick then stated that he should have been notified about the January meeting. Mr. Ring stated that he did get a registered letter about the January meeting. Patrick then explained to Mr. Ring that he will not get a continued notice about the application. Mr. Ring then asked if they were going to be on the agenda for next month and Pam stated that is what they are asking for. Mr. Ring asked if he would be able to see the plan. Patrick told him that as an abutter, he should have access to see it by going to the Planning Department.

Other Business: Approval of January 18, 2018 Minutes. Patrick had a revision and there were no others. Patrick then asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Curtis made a motion to approve the January 18, 2018 minutes as amended. Julie seconded. All were in favor except for Julie who abstained and minutes approved.

Patrick stated that he would like to make sure the commission gets on top of any grants that are available for this coming year, 2018. Julie stated that the LCHIP Grants have already closed. Julie then stated that the commission needs to decide what they really want to do and this would lead them to the appropriate grant. After some discussion, the commission will start drafting up what they would like to do.

With no further business, Patrick asked for a motion to adjourn. Julie stated so moved. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Herrick
Recording Secretary