

BROOKFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Historic District Commission Thursday, July 12, 2012 Brookfield Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Jacqueline Salame, Chairperson

Members Present: Kevin Archer; Peter Bertolami; Robert Brown, Vice Chairperson; Liz De Lambert; Rosemary Erb-Fawcett; Harold Proudfoot;

Members Absent: Elaine Rajcula

Public Attendance: Anita Barney, Brookfield Library

Changes to the June 7, 2012 minutes are as follows: On page 2, paragraph three, word "committee" removed. The end of the sentence in the same paragraph should read "additional reasons have been considered and will be put in a letter to the First Selectmen."

Tonight's meeting was moved from the first Thursday of the month in observation of Independence Day, July 4th.

Open Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. on application below:

Application 2012-02: Town of Brookfield, Library, 182 Whisconier Road for the installation of new signage.

The final plans for the Library sign were presented. The sign posts will be constructed of pressure treated wood wrapped with Azek sleeves and Federal style post caps. The lower sign will be white painted aluminum with removable letters; total height eight feet. The top part of the sign with the name and address will be 30" x 48" made of white Azek with a picture frame and vinyl lettering. The lower sign will be 24" x 48"; white painted aluminum with a clear track; 4" changeable letters.

R. Brown motioned to pass Application 2012-02 as preliminary approval with revisions as described above. L. de Lambert seconded; all approved.

Closed the public hearing for Application 2012-02 at 7:19 p.m.

Business Meeting opened at 7:20 p.m.:

- R. Brown moved to approve the June 7, 2012 meeting minutes with changes. K. Archer seconded; all approved.

- J. Salame met with First Selectman, Bill Davidson, and discussed the demolition of the cottage to the north of the Library. The HDC had voted against the demolition of the cottage proposed by the Town at the June 7, 2012 meeting. B. Davidson asked J. Salame if the Town could place a tarp over the cottage roof to prevent further damage to the cottage. J. Salame agreed as long as the tarp color is gray or brown.

J. Salame suggested different possibilities to save the cottage; i.e., The Town could fix it as possible storage which would be closer to how the cottage was originally used, or change the site lines a little and have it refurbished and rented as a residence.

- Discussion concerning the demolition planned for 40 Laurel Hill Road (c. 1770) and 64 Laurel Hill Road (c. 1812). Both buildings will be demolished in order to build three condominiums with a total of 72 units. The buildings will be 40 feet high. The house at 64 Laurel Hill Road is listed on the State Historic Register.

Brookfield Zoning Regulation 242-1104 titled "Re-use and Retention of Historical Structures" states preferential treatment of historic structures within any zoning district. The Zoning Commission shall be guided by the recommendations of the applicable Historic District and/or the Brookfield Historical Society.

The HDC will follow up with a letter to the Zoning Board with suggestions to save the houses.

- Residents Meeting 2013 – not discussed at this meeting
- 2013 Celebration Plans: Brookfield 225th Anniversary; HDC 40th Anniversary
Suggestions from the Commission members: 1) Participate in the Town parade planned for Memorial Day. 2) A house tour. 3) Send a letter to the residents asking for input and involvement in planning the festivities with the HDC. 4) Finish the HDC brochure with pictures. 5) Awards
- J. Salame submitted an expense of \$45 for postage.

R. Erb-Fawcett moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.; H. Proudfoot seconded, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Brown, Secretary