

**DARTMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**Minutes**

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Call to Order

Present: Phillip Baker, Bob Hardy, Joseph Ingoldsby, Judy Lund, George Ripley V

George Ripley serving as secretary

Review and Approval of Minutes for meeting of May 5, 2014  
Unanimously approved.

Demo Applications:

279 State Road (the Pawn Shop) – Change siding

The applicant, Alexander Nasrowi, was present with his daughter Victoria. Applicant expressed his desire to remove the large boards from the front of his building and make it more visually appealing in fitting with the surrounding structures. A discussion ensued of the Smith Mills neighborhood's character in the past. The applicant said he planned on using stucco siding to make it look similar to other buildings in the immediate area. The board expressed some concern about using this type of siding which might be difficult to reflect the historical character of the area.

The board then voted four to zero and found the building to not be historically significant, with Joseph Ingoldsby abstaining.

36 St. John Street — Change siding

The applicants, Michael and Maria Santos, were present. The board expressed its concern about preserving the trim of the house. The owners noted that it was already rotten in some places, but Mr. Santos said he would try to preserve all of it that he could. The owners then noted their desire to use vinyl siding to eliminate the need to paint the house in the future. The board informed him that there were examples of vinyl siding that give the impression of being wooden clapboards, which would be visually similar to the historical material used when the building was constructed. The Commission voted unanimously to find the build to be not historically significant.

Old Business:

CPC update: Noting the absence of Damon May, the CPC update was postponed till next meeting

Russells Mills Library Update: The Dartmouth Historical and Arts Society has a list of events that will be taking place over the course of the summer leading up to the 350<sup>th</sup> Dartmouth Anniversary celebration in Russells Mills in September.

TTL update: progress is being made on the last batch

Plaque program: George noted that the plaques looked sharp. Phillip suggested that keyholes be added to the back of the plaques to fasten the plaque to a house's side with a screw. It was suggested that Phillip bring an example of such a screw to the next meeting.

Cemeteries: signs: Available for \$54.00.

Akin House: nothing new to report

Star of the Sea project: nothing new to report

Russell Garrison: National Register nomination

Dartmouth 350: It was noted that the Padanaram celebration would be coming up soon in July.

Exterior of Buildings: bylaw to encourage care. Still being written

Smith Mills Book: progress is being made.

Telecommunications Tower, 300 Gulf Road: Judy stated that no Native American artifacts had been located by an archaeological survey of the property. She then suggested sending a letter to the Planning Board expressing the idea that if the tower would be disguised as a flag pole it might be less of a visual burden. The board agreed. Bob made a motion that the board send a letter expressing such, all approved, and Judy said she would write and send the letter to the Planning Board expressing the Historical Commission's opinion.

Scanning old form Bs: progress is being made.

**New Business:**

Compensate J Lund \$53.96 for supplies bought for CPC project: Bob moved that the Commission approve recompensing Judy Lund for expenses paid concerning the CPC project, Phillip seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Phillip Baker presented a donation to the Commission from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Archive of historical deeds and documents concerning the lands that became the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. He expressed his desire to have the collection copied, and then bound. It was suggested to send a letter of thanks for the donation to the archivist of UMD.

ADJOURN: Judy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob made the motion, with George seconding it. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Aug 4, 2014