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Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes
Londonderry, New Hampshire
March 26, 2009

In attendance: Chairman Commissioner Arthur Rugg, Vice-Chairman Jim Schwalbe (7:05) Commissioners David Colglazier, John Dahlfred, Debra Paul, Alternate Commissioner Tom Bianchi, Pauline Caron and Lara McIntyre, and Councilor Michael Brown.

Absent: Commissioner Sue Joudrey and Town Planner Tim Thompson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arthur Rugg at 7:00 PM in the Sunnycrest Meeting Room of the Town Hall.

Chairman Rugg appointed Alternate Caron to vote for Sue Joudrey and McIntyre to vote for Jim Schwalbe.

Commissioner Dahlfred moved and Commissioner Paul seconded a motion to accept the meeting minutes of January 22, 2009. Motion passed 3-0-3. Abstentions were due to Commissioners not being present at the meeting.

A design review presentation was made for Tropic Star Development by Huseyin Sevincil of MHF Design and Shannon Alther of TMS Architects. They outlined the plans for the property at 124 & 126 Rockingham Road (map 16 lots 72 & B 74) where a combination automobile fueling station, small retail store and car wash will be located. Two houses on the land will be removed to make way for the project. A similar structure was built by Tropic Star in Derry south of Parkland Hospital. The building will feature a gray roof and have white Hardiplank clapboards. There may be some trim color depending upon the tenant that goes into the space.

Scott Mitchell, owner of Tropic Star, came in later and spoke to the Commission. He has done several of these facilities in the past, so he knows how they work. Tropic Star owns the properties and rents to tenants, so he said that they have a continuing interest in building and maintaining a quality asset.

The Commission had a few minor questions that were answered. The Commission wants to see the final plans, signage and colors once a tenant is secured. The Commission by consensus approved of what was presented.

Chairman Rugg noted that there was support for HB246, but that it was not going to be approved in the current legislative session. This is a bill to allow towns to provide some tax relief for owners of old homes by reducing their assessments. A better bill needs to be produced for the next legislative session, so that it will get more support.

Design Reviews:

Freedom Fuel site plan, map 10, lot 136: request that they meet with the Commission.

Barbato subdivision, map 3, lot 138A: No comment.

Commissioner Dahlfred moved and Alternate Caron seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:25. Motion approved 6-0-0.

David Lee Colglazier
Secretary

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