

Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes
Londonderry, New Hampshire
March 24, 2011

In attendance: Chairman Commissioner Arthur Rugg, Vice-Chairman Commissioner Jim Schwalbe, Commissioners Tom Bianchi, David Colglazier, Sue Joudrey, Martin Srugis, Alternate Commissioner Janet Cichocki and Town Planner Tim Thompson

Absent: Alternate Commissioners Jim Butler, Pauline Caron, and Councilor Sean O’Keefe.

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

Commissioners Srugis moved and Schwalbe seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting of February 24, 2011. The motion passed 5-0-1. Schwalbe abstained, as he was not present at the special meeting.

Chris DiGuissepe, of Coastal Partners, Beverly Farms, MA, made a presentation. The proposal is for a small shopping center near I-93 exit 5, on map 15, lot 51. Michael DiGuissepe met with the Commission in February. Chris brought new drawings showing how they had altered the roofline for the junior anchors and the convergent corner of the retail shops.

The fronts of the three junior anchor stores have been changed and the color altered. There were two Options for the junior anchors. There were three shallow peaks in the roofline sections at the three entrances. One version (Option 1) had a large light colored area over the doors and another (Option 2) had brick colored areas over the doors. There are slight differences in the thicknesses of the roof edge trims, also. The siding is brick colored cement masonry units (CMU).

For the retail shops there is an elevated, pyramid shaped roof at the interior corner where the two rows of stores meet. The siding is a brick knee wall with cement masonry above it interspersed with large window units.

Commissioner Colglazier liked the changes and had no preference for the Options 1 or 2.

Commissioner Srugis liked the new look and chose Option 1.

Alternate Commissioner Cichocki liked the looks and chose Option 1.

Commissioner Joudrey liked the appearance and chose Option 2.

Commissioner Schwalbe liked the look in general and chose Option 2. He also was in favor of having the siding be brick or Quik-Brik instead of the CMU. After some discussion with the Commissioners and Mr. DiGuissepe it was decided that the applicant should provide some details about the siding and that the Commission preferred a faux brick appearance.

It was also revealed that the panels over the doors in Option 1 were going to be painted cement. Commissioner Colglazier decided to go with Option 2 since the color was part of the CMU.

Commissioners Bianchi and Rugg liked the looks and they each chose Option 2.

Commissioners Schwalbe and Joudrey moved and seconded a motion to approve Option 2 and recommended that the junior anchor siding be a Quik-Brik or other faux brick material. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Chairman Rugg presented another plan for the roof treatment of the Freezer Warehouse office addition. This was previously circulated to the Commission via e-mail. The commission approved of the plan before this change was presented. Commission members were in approval of this plan as well.

Alternate Commissioner Butler was out of town and could not make a presentation to the whole Commission.

The Commission discussed again the idea of having a suggested visual style guide book to help establish the look that was desired for the town. It will continue to collect materials for such a book.

Commissioner Rugg and Colglazier discussed the planning of legislation to reduce taxes for owners of qualifying historic structures.

The Commission discussed the need to maintain the Historic Property Inventory. This will need to be an ongoing project. Volunteers will be needed. Steve Young and John Dahlfred did much of the initial collection of information.

The Commission discussed the situation of not having a Town Historian. No candidates for this position came to the collected minds.

The Commission discussed the Apple Way sign situation. The town manager was to look into the restoration of these signs that had faded quite a bit over the years.

Commissioners Colglazier moved and Srugis seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed 6-0-0 at 8:15 PM.

David Lee Colglazier
Secretary