

Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes
Londonderry, New Hampshire
May 26, 2016

In attendance: Chairman Commissioner Martin Srugis, Vice-Chairman Commissioner Pauline Caron, Commissioners David Colglazier and Sue Joudrey; Alternate Commissioners Janet Cichocki and Noreen Villalona; GIS Manager/Planner John Vogl; Town Council Ex-officio Jim Butler; Sexton Kent Allen and Mrs. Allen, citizen.

Absent: Commissioners Tom Bianchi, Art Rugg and Alternate Commissioner Roger Fillio.

Chairman Martin Srugis called the Historic District and Heritage Commission meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Sunnycrest meeting room of the Town Hall.

Chairman Srugis appointed Alternate Commissioners Cichocki and Villalona to vote for absent Commissioners Bianchi and Rugg, respectively.

Councilor Butler moved and Alternate Commissioner Cichocki seconded a motion to approve the minutes of March 24, 2016. The motion passed 5-0-2. Commissioners Caron and Joudrey abstained because they were not at the March meeting.

John Vogl presented a design change for the Wallace Farm project that was previously approved by the Heritage Commission for recommendation to the planning board. Mr. Vogl said that the design was the same as before for the water pump house, but that the windows were removed for better security. Vice-Chair Caron moved and Commissioner Joudrey seconded a motion to approve the changes for recommendation to the Planning Board. The motion carried 7-0-0.

John Vogl presented a plan for the Green Mountain Messenger Service at 57 Harvey Road, map 14, lot 44-8. The building and property will stay the same. There is paving on three sides of the commercial building. The applicant wants to expand the paving to encircle the building and add some new plantings to go along with the pavement expansion. Several different trees and bushes were added. Blueberry and elderberry plants were added for rabbit habitat improvement. Vice-Chair Caron asked if lilacs could be added to the plantings list. Mr. Vogl said that approval could be stated that way. Chairman Srugis did not want to add lilacs. Councilor Butler moved and Vice-Chair Caron seconded a motion to request that lilacs be added to the plantings list and approved the plan for recommendation to the Planning Board. The motion carried 6-1-0. The negative vote was by the Chairman.

John Vogl presented a plan for the Holm Family Trust at 8 Alexander Road. The plan is to sub-divide the lot into 5 lots with the existing house on one of the lots. The parcel is 7 acres. There is a stone wall along two sides. Mr. Vogl suggested that there will be some stone wall removal where there are new curb cuts. It was suggested that the applicant could move the stone wall back into the property at the curb cuts, just as it is already done on this lot. The stones are to be curved along the edge of the new curb cuts. Vice-Chair Caron moved and Councilor Butler seconded a motion to approve the application for recommendation to the Planning Board. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Mr. Vogl made a presentation for the Fortin Remi Realty Co., 572 Mammoth Road. The applicant wants to make a lot line change in their 10-acre parcel to separate the house from the rest of the property. Vice-Chair Caron noted that a line for the adjustment is 10 feet short of the required length of 150 feet. Mr. Vogl said that it was so noted and they had not looked at the plan themselves since it just arrived.

Mr. Vogl and Chairman Srugis said that we could approve of the plan change and that they would see that the property distances were observed or that a variance would be obtained before it was approved by the Planning Board. Vice-Chair Caron moved and Commissioner Joudrey seconded a motion to approve the lot line changes and make such a recommendation to the Planning Board. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Mr. Vogl asked the Commission about their consideration of large commercial spaces such as have recently been constructed in the Town near the airport. The Commission advised him that it is still wanted to see the plans to make sure that they looked good and were well landscaped.

After a brief discussion, Alternate Commissioner Cichocki moved and Vice-Chair Caron seconded a motion to accept and adopt the "Londonderry Look Book" as was developed by Commissioner Bianchi. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Chairman Srugis and Planner Vogl discussed the powers of the Heritage Commission. Basically the Commission offers cultural and historic resource support to the Planning Board. That can include the look and feel of structures and the scope and arrangement of landscaping as outlined by the existing regulations of the Town. The Commission approves of recommendations to the Planning Board. The Commission does not have the power to regulate any of the details of a project such as dumpster sizing, recycling practices, snow storage, sign content and the

number of handicapped parking spots. The Commission can suggest colors and building materials, placement of moved stone walls and locations of signs. It may also suggest design elements where practical.

Kent Allen passed out some maps and a written information sheet about the Town Forest project. He also brought in some samples of the types of vines that are in the trees in the Town Forest. He had a section of a trunk that was about 4 inches in diameter. He said that this was the biggest oriental bittersweet vine from the Town Forest that he had cut so far.

Mr. Allen said that since the Conservation Commission was no longer involved with the Forest, that they had cancelled the spraying contract to get rid of the bittersweet. Councilor Butler said that he would address that issue at the Council meeting.

Mr. Allen indicated on the map where he had cleaned in 2015 and where he planned to work in 2016.

A number of the Commissioner had been through the forest and were enthusiastic about Mr. Allen's work and the results. Commissioner Bianchi had been through part of the Forest with help from Mr. Allen.

Chairman Srugis said that the Master Plan Implementation Committee was being given a new charter by the Planning Board. He said that there would be a report at the July Commission meeting.

Councilor Butler moved and Vice-Chair Caron seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0-0 at 7:57 PM.

David Lee Colglazier,
Secretary