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Heritage Commission Special Meeting Minutes Londonderry, New Hampshire June 27, 2019

In attendance: Chairman Krystopher Kenney; Vice-Chairman Art Rugg; Commissioners David Colglazier, Sue Joudrey; Alternate Commissioner Jason Knights; Town Council Ex-officio Jim Butler; Associate Planner Laura Gandia; Kent Allen, Sexton. Absent: Commissioner Tom Bianchi and Victoria Gorveatt; Alternate Commissioner Snehal Patel.*

Chairman Krystopher Kenney called the special meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Moosehill Meeting Room of the Town Hall. Chairman Kenney appointed Alternate Commissioner Jason Knights to vote for Commissioner Tom Bianchi.

Chairman Kenney called for a public hearing for application for certificate of approval for the construction of a freestanding sign, Two Litchfield Road, Map 12 Lot 68, Zoned C-III & Historic Overlay District, New Hampshire Democratic Party (Applicant) and CC Properties, LLC (Owner). This was continued from May 23, 2019.

Chairman Kenney said that he had a memo from the Planning Board Staff: Planner, Colleen P. Mailloux; Associate Planner Laura Gandia; Building Inspector, Richard Canuel; and Town Manager Kevin Smith, to say that they felt that the proposed sign met all of the requirements of the easement on this property. The memo also listed that advice was received from the Town Counsel.

Mr. Kenney said that we were just concerned about the materials and the colors with regards to approval from the Commission.

Tim Siekmann, a Londonderry citizen, made a presentation for the applicant. Mr. Siekmann dismissed the previous request for a green sign. He said that they were going to copy the town sign style and cut off some portion. Mr. Kenney said that the Town sign design and color could not be used since it might indicate that this sign was Town supported.

Mr. Siekmann said that they wanted a blue sign. Also, he said that they would take the Town sign, invert it and make the new bottom flat, to produce the new design. The new top would be the shallow arch that was the bottom edge of the Town sign. An image of the inverted sign was projected on the meeting room screen.

Commissioner Colglazier suggested that he would like the sign to be green, as previously requested, to differentiate it from the Town's signage. Other Commissioners said that blue signs are allowed in other locations. After a brief discussion, Councilor Butler said that we should get to a blue sign color, since it is just a sign.

After some broad discussions and attempts to find a blue color, a paint swatch book was produced and a Sherwin Williams color noted as SW6508 was accepted as the color for the sign background. The applicant asked for a semi-gloss finish, but later changed to a matte finish. Nobody questioned either finish texture.

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The lettering and trim on the sign was designated as the beige shade of the house as it stands now. That was accepted by all parties.

As part of the public input portion of the hearing, Tammy Siekmann, a Londonderry citizen, asked that we pay attention to the property to avoid any problems. "If you see something, say something", she said. Chairman Kenney said that he could not promise anything for the Town. She said that there had been some issues at the property already. Mr. Kenney said that he would be vigilant and as helpful as possible.

Vice-Chairman Rugg moved and Councilor Butler seconded a motion to approve a sign as presented and with a base color of matte, Sherwin Williams, SW6508 and lettering and trim as the tan/beige color of the house as it is now. The motion carried 6-0-0.

A presentation was made by Gwen St. Germain, a Londonderry citizen, and Sarah Fegan, a Londonderry citizen, for the Girl Scout Project that is to be installed in the Kent Allen Forest. Ms St. Germain said that they edited the materials down to eight panels. This includes one panel per principle of "Leave No Trace" and a summary panel. She displayed a sample panel that was 18" x 24".

Ms Fegan talked about the process that was used to edit the materials and what the girls did.

Ms St. Germain and Fegan talked about the time line for the process of producing and installing the panels. It was agreed that waiting until the next meeting to approve the text would harm their timeline. They also talked about the placement of the panels, now that there are fewer of them. They also said that any editing would be for the reduction of text content.

Vice-Chairman Rugg moved and Councilor Butler seconded a motion to accept the "Leave No Trace" plans for display signs in the Allen Forest as presented today. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Vice-Chairman Rugg moved and Councilor Butler seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the May 23rd meeting. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Vice-Chairman Rugg moved and Commissioner Colglazier seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried 6-0-0 at 7:45 PM.

*After the meeting was adjourned, Alternate Commissioner Snehal Patel introduced himself to the Commissioners who were still present, one at a time. He had been sitting in the audience. This was his first meeting, so he was not recognized at the start of the meeting to be seated with the other Commission members. He said that he had read all of the minutes.

David Lee Colglazier, Secretary

These minutes were approved on July 25, 2019