

Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes  
Londonderry, New Hampshire  
September 24, 2009

In attendance: Chairman Commissioner Arthur Rugg, Vice-Chairman Jim Schwalbe, Commissioners David Colglazier, John Dahlfred, Sue Joudrey, Debra Paul, Alternate Commissioners Lara McIntyre & Tom Bianchi, and Councilor Michael Brown. Also in attendance Town Historian Marilyn Ham (former Commissioner on the Heritage Commission).

Absent: Town Planner Tim Thompson

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

Commissioner Dahlfred moved and Councilor Brown seconded a motion to accept the special meeting minutes of September 2, 2009. The motion passed 6-0-1. Commissioner Paul abstained because she was not at that meeting.

Debra Brewster, of T. F. Moran (Bedford, New Hampshire) started a presentation for additional signage for the Verizon Wireless office at 68B Nashua Road, Map 7, Lot 40-5. At the last meeting she had briefly described the request and she presented similar information this time. After her another presentation was made by Edward Godek an architect with Gruskin Group, Springfield, New Jersey. The Commission unanimously approved the new signage for the back of the building which duplicated the previously approved sign on the front of the structure.

A presentation was made by David Flynn, COO, Algid Enterprises (Chelmsford, Massachusetts) about the proposed alterations to the vacant Rocky's Hardware store site in the Derry Plaza on Old Nashua Road. Altid is working with Three Cherries Market to put a store into the old hardware store location. They intend to repaint the front façade with some neutral earth tones. At the rear of the store they are seeking permission to add a two sided loading dock with corrugated metal sides and roof. They also want to add an enclosed metal structure to hide and protect some refrigeration compressors. They would also remove about 12 parking spaces from the rear of the building to allow for the loading dock, a trash bin, a trash compactor and traffic space to go to and from this area.

A presentation was made by Tim Sullivan, Barlo Signs, Hudson, New Hampshire, for the Derry Plaza. He provided pictures of the old sign, renderings of the proposed sign and the proposed sign at night. These were for the freestanding sign for the plaza, which would replace the current sign using that sign's framework as a support for the new features. There was also a drawing of the sign support and rendering of the Three Cherries Market sign on the mansard roof on the front of the building.

Mr. Sullivan asked about making some changes to the letters on the plaza sign to add some contrast for the green letters on the brown background. The Commission liked it as it was proposed.

Commissioner Joudrey asked about the colors in the pictures from Mr. Flynn. He said that those were not the colors of the store as they have proposed it. They plan on using some more neutral earth tones.

Councilor Brown liked the new sign for the plaza.

Commissioner Dahlfred thought that the sign was a great improvement over the old sign and that the proposed one was attractive.

The Commission approved of the proposed alterations and the proposed new signs.

A presentation was made by the 911 Street Renaming Group: Jim Bilodeau (Londonderry Fire Department), Karen Marchant (Londonderry Assessor), Cindy McCann (Londonderry Police Department) and Jim Vogl (Londonderry GIS Manager/Planner) regarding the need for some new street names. The 911 emergency system office found several areas where street names were confusing due to streets having the same names in two parts of town, or different names for the same road. They are seeking help from the Commission in coming up with some names that would qualify for the renaming of about a dozen streets. Marilyn Ham (Town Historian) provided a list of names for the Commission and the 911 Street Renaming Group.

There was a general discussion with the Commission and the 911 Street Renaming Group members about the process and the possibilities. It was agreed that Mr. Bilodeau and Mrs. Ham would meet in the future to assign the names and produce a brief history about the names as they relate to Londonderry.

Chairman Rugg spoke about the stonewall status for a proposed El-Azem land subdivision, Map 13, Lot 71-75. The owner wants to split the lot and not have to deal with the existing stonewall which might need to be removed.

Commissioner Dahlfred maintained that even though the owner thought that the stonewall was not in good condition, the photograph supplied portrayed a good wall of a certain type. The Commission agreed that saving the stonewall was important as a general concept, even if it could do nothing in this case. The Commission agreed that the stonewall could be used as a border for a driveway on the property so that it could be saved and it would not need to be moved for that purpose. These suggestions are to me made to the owner.

Commissioner Joudrey asked for Mr. H. Peterson about the Commission's approval for repairs to the shingle siding on the Grange Hall. The Commission agreed that those repairs could be made using new shingle materials and a pattern similar to that which exists.

Councilor Brown moved and Commissioner Paul seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion approved 7-0-0 at 8:32 PM.

David Lee Colglazier  
Secretary