

Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes  
Londonderry, New Hampshire  
March 25, 2010

In attendance: Chairman Commissioner Arthur Rugg, , Commissioners David Colglazier, John Dahlfred, Sue Joudrey, Alternate Commissioner Lara McIntyre and Town Planner Tim Thompson.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Jim Schwalbe, Commissioner Deb Paul, Alternate Commissioner Tom Bianchi 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 Dahlfred moved and Colglazier seconded a motion to accept the meeting minutes of January 28, 2010. The motion passed 4-0-0.

A presentation was made by Keith Coviello, Sublime Civil Consultants, Derry, NH, for Trimmers Landscaping, of Windham, NH, for a property located on Aviation Drive, map 14 lot 29-10. The Commission reviewed the proposed structure at the January 2010 meeting. They generally liked it, but did make some suggestions. Mr. Coviello noted that there were many more windows and the green band around the edge of the structure was eliminated. The structure is still a light stone colored metal with a green roof. The building's owner, Eric Skinner, came in during the presentation.

Commissioner Dahlfred liked the absence of the green stripe and approved of the new appearance.

Alternate Commissioner McIntyre asked about the landscaping. Mr. Coviello briefly described what was going to be done.

Commissioners Joudrey and Colglazier liked the new look of the structure.

Town Planner Thompson noted that no revised signage had been presented. He suggested that when the signage is specified, drawings could be forwarded to him and he would distribute them to the Commission for comment.

After the presentation was finished Eric Skinner asked about the possibility of providing some landscaping on the Town Common for which Trimmers would receive some advertising credit. Chairman Rugg said that he would consider that and be in contact with Mr. Skinner.

The Commission met with Peter Griffin of Windham. Mr. Griffin is the Chairman of the Rockingham Planning Commission.

There was a brief discussion of the background and the Commission's attempts to get legislation passed that would enable communities to provide some tax benefits for owners of old structures. Mr. Griffin said that the Planning Commission would be interested in supporting future efforts towards that goal. Mr. Griffin suggested that we should get some more supportive groups together to discuss a plan for structuring and presenting legislation that could be passed by the legislature. Mr. Griffin suggested that the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance would be a good support group. Planner Thompson suggested that the NH Planners Association might be a good support group. It was suggested that the Assessors association could also be approached. It was noted that the Historic Resources Council was interested and had offered some ideas about the issue. Chairman Rugg made some assignments for Commissioners to approach groups

and seek their support for the next Commission meeting. The Commission thanked Mr. Griffin for his time and advice.

The Commission discussed the landscaping issue with regards to signage for the vendor with Paul Margolin of Beautify Londonderry. It was agreed that a thirty-day limit for signage would be acceptable to the Commission. The Chairman will contact the vendor to see what they think of the idea and what they are willing to do. Towards that end it was agreed that the Commission could walk the Town Common on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> to review what work was needed or desired.

Chairman Rugg noted that the new Dana Farber sign on the Elliot Health Care building was accepted under the original site approval provisions. There was no way to modify it through any code enforcement because of the original approval for the site.

Planner Thompson said that the TNT Fireworks sign had been modified slightly by the reduction of the intensity of the yellow colored portion of it.

Chairman Rugg noted that Martin Srugis was applying to the Town Council for appointment to the Heritage Commission.

Chairman Rugg accepted a letter of resignation to the Heritage Commission from Alternate Commissioner McIntyre. Ms McIntyre was elected to the Londonderry Charter Commission. Town regulations do not allow an elected official to serve as a member of an appointed board or commission. Mr. Rugg said that she could return to the Commission after her term on the Charter Commission ended and that we would be happy to have her return.

Chairman Rugg said that he would seek a resignation from Commissioner Paul due to the same circumstances of being elected to the Charter Commission. Ms Paul's return to the Commission would be welcomed as well.

Commissioners Dahlfred moved and Joudrey seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion approved 4-0-0 at 8:42 PM.

David Lee Colglazier  
Secretary