

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

May 19, 2016

Members Present: Barbara Search, William Smith and Sandra Fallon

Absent Member: Richard Volpe

Guest: William Gould, Architectural Preservation LLC

Meeting called to order at 6:01

Minutes for meeting on April 28, 2016 motioned for acceptance by BS and 2<sup>nd</sup> by SF all agreed to accept.

1. Discussion around options for preserving some or all of the Exhibition Hall. A big option is to dismantle the building or move it.
2. Mr. Gould gave example of similar situation in Farmington, Ct. The developers paid to have the Historical Commission have someone dismantle and salvage. Things looked at were a tax incentive to the developer; need to put a value on everything that is salvaged including the value of the work put into the labor of the work. His company does the dismantling, makes field notes, takes photos and measurements, dispenses stuff we don't want, and an architect provides a diagram (blueprint) for reconstruction. Need trailers to store parts during dismantling and subsequent storage
3. Questions arose by BS as to can the EH be taken to the ground; Discussion arose around what could be salvaged and it appears that the posts and beams, exterior window siding and some flooring. Discussion over who salvages, someone has extract the material and it has to be housed somewhere.
4. Mr. Gould says spread sheet needed to know what to save and what to dispense of. Those needed as part of any discussion is the owner of the property, the property manager and the realtor involved with the place.
5. BS discussed what Mr. Gould would need to be of assistance. He is willing to negotiate with CVS and needs a contract, is paid \$100 an hour and need office supplies/telephone.
6. BS said an issue is much effort has been made to contact CVS and they have not responded. Mr. Gould suggests the Town Administrator reach out to CVS.
7. Some discussion around public opinion. WG says time is short but HC could look at video for YouTube, getting newspapers and radio involved for publicity.
8. BS motioned to request the Town Administrator and Town Counsel to contact CVS and open negotiations to dismantle and salvage the EH. WS seconded this motion.
9. BS stated that at the Town Meeting the Finance Committee took no action on the article to change demo delay by-law 6 months to 12 months and qualifying buildings from 100 to 50 years.
10. Finance Comm. approved \$20,000 out of the Community Preservation Act for historic building survey.

Meeting adjourned motioned by WS at 8:02 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by BS.

Respectively submitted by Sandra Fallon, Clerk