

UXBRIDGE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

June 13, 2018

BOARD OF SELECTMAN ROOM

5:30pm

Received by
Uxbridge
Town Clerk

Members Present: Faye McCloskey, Travis Ann Do Rosario, Jane Keegan and Melissa Haskell
Members Absent: Marian Baker, Michael Cove (alternate), and Mary Patricia Wickstrom (alternate)

5:35pm Meeting called to Order

Minutes were Read

The May 16, 2018 meeting minutes were read by: Melissa Haskell

Motion made to approve the minutes made by Faye McCloskey

Seconded by Jane Keegan

Minutes were approved 3-0 with Melissa Haskell abstaining

OLD BUSINESS:

Jane Keegan read a statement outlining five projects that the UHDC should consider as we move forward on a positive path. Highlights included: "Because words are meaningless unless accompanied by action, by roll call vote, I move to make a public pledge to have positive engaged participation as it necessary for future UHDC success." Motion was Seconded by Travis Ann Do Rosario

Roll Call Vote:

Faye McCloskey – YES

Travis Ann Do Rosario – YES

Jane Keegan - YES

Melissa Haskell - YES

Chairman Faye McCloskey read a statement regarding the UHDC Commission, as there has been misinformation posted on social media and presented at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

* Just to reiterate that we are an all-volunteer commission.

* We DO NOT charge Fees or Fines. UHDC is interested in the exterior façade of buildings, street facing.

* Our goal is to work with you and try to maintain the Town's ambiance and character

* The owners of the Bank Building, formerly located on South Main Street did NOT incur charges in excess of \$100,000.00 as a result of actions of the UHDC. In fact, the UHDC approved their design for a multi-unit apartment building. The project was held up by their Insurance Company and other Town boards and departments

* We do not change Zoning. We follow the State Rules under Chapter 40C and the Towns By-Laws.

Discussion of Annual Survey Results that was sent to UHDC Property Owners.

Six (6) Surveys have been returned – Mostly Positive Responses.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeremy Bullock presented an Application for Certification to build a handicap ramp for the Solomon Temple Lodge located on Court Street in Uxbridge, MA for his Eagle Scout Project.

Motion to approve the project made by Melissa Haskell, Seconded by Travis Ann Do Rosario

Motion Passed 4-0

Angeline Ellison, Town Manager spoke how Sturbridge, MA presents their Historic District and what could Uxbridge do and/or learn to assist in gaining residents interest and awareness of benefits a district provides.

Melissa Haskell is currently working on grant information for homeowners. Many grants have stipulations and are for commercial use.

Community Redevelopment Grant, Challenge Grants, Matching Funds.

Discussion regarding the Commission NOT meeting in July, unless any New Business was brought in.

Jane Keegan made Motion for the UHDC to Not meet in July, 2018, Seconded by Melissa Haskell.

Motion Passed 4-0

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, August 8th, 2018 at 5:30pm in the Lower Town Hall.

Motion by Faye, Melissa Seconded Motion Passed 4-0

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jane Keegan at 6:31pm

Seconded by Melissa Haskell

Motion Passed 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Faye McCloskey

Travis Ann Do Rosario
Faye McCloskey
Jane Keegan