

UXBRIDGE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

March 12, 2019

BOARD OF SELECTMAN ROOM 7:00pm

APPROVED

NOT SIGNED

- **Members Present:** Jane Keegan, Faye McCloskey, Michael Cove, Marian Baker and Mary Patricia Wickstrom (Alternate)
Members Absent: Travis Ann Do Rosario, Rachel Palin (Alternate), and Christopher DeLarda (Alternate)

7:00 pm Meeting called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

NEW BUSINESS:

Christopher Twine from Patriot Customs Inc, the Sign company representing Open Sky (Formerly Alternatives) at 5 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569 came before the commission for approval for their sign. Marian Baker made the motion to accept the Signage from Open Sky as it stands now, in place. Michael Cove seconded the motion. Unanimously approved 5-0.

Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the February 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes as prepared by Travis Ann Do Rosario was made by Faye McCloskey. Seconded by Marian Baker. Approved 3-0-2. Michael Cove and Mary Patricia Wickstrom abstained due to absence at previous meeting.

REPORTS OF SUB COMMITTEES:

Uxbridge Historic District Commission Application –

- * Christopher DeLarda had emailed prior to the meeting an example of the UHDC Application based on the feedback received from the February meeting.
- * Jane Keegan has contacted the Town Clerk regarding using the Town Seal on the Application, awaiting Clerk's decision. The committee suggested a few minor changes to the form. I.E. Adding "Name of Applicant" and moving "Where applicable".
- * Jane Keegan will send it to the Town Manager and the Larry Lench, Building Inspector for review and approval.
- * Motion to Approve the UHDC application as written with the changes as discussed and then submitted for approval made by Michael Cove. Seconded by Marian Baker. Unanimously approved 5-0
- * General discussion around an introduction letter that would be sent to new homeowners and businesses from the UHDC. Christopher DeLarda had forwarded a letter that the City of Newton is using, however, the letter would need to be reworked in order for it to be applicable to Uxbridge.

OLD BUSINESS:

43 South Main Street, Uxbridge

Peter Mahoney, Property Owner – Was not in attendance, nor did the commission receive a response to the letter dated 2/20/19 in regards to the dormers. The Commission members in attendance decided to not send another to the property owner. Marian Baker stated that the Board of Health is heavily involved with this property.

NEW BUSINESS:

No NEW Applications were received.

Fines – Several Local Historic Districts have fines and penalties for buildings not in compliance with the district bylaws. The Town of Mendon has a \$300 fine that is imposed by the Building Inspector. The City of Newton has a \$300 fine, per offense, per day. Michael Cove and Mary Patricia Wickstrom spoke in favor of implementing a fine structure.

Marian Baker feels that the town "is not in the mood" for fines. Jane Keegan reminded the UHDC that it would need to go before town meeting and the town would need to also impose non-criminal disposition. This will be reviewed in the future.

Hyperlinks – The Five resources that were previously brought up at our meetings have been approved by the Town Manager and the Town Clerk and have been added to the UHDC page on the Town Website.

Unitarian Church - Letter from the UHDC to the Owners of the Unitarian Church came back from their New York residence as undeliverable. Marian Baker stated that the owners are in Newport, RI, but had no further information. Marian Baker also stated that our local town officials are working on a plan for the building. Michael Cove questioned whether we should involve the state for assistance.

Faye is requesting that Jane contact Mike Gallerani to follow-up with the MA DOT project for the downtown area.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Michael Cove made the motion to adjourn. Marian Baker, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. 5-0

Next meeting is April 9th, 2019 at 7pm in the Board of Selectman Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Travis Ann Do Rosario