

HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

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June 7, 2007

The Heritage Commission held its regular monthly meeting in the City Council Chambers at 37 Green Street, Concord NH on Thursday, June 7, 2007.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Phil Donovan called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Phil Donovan, Vice Chairperson Steve Shurtleff, Fred Richards, Dr. Douglas Black, Robert Johnson, James McConaha, member-in-training Colin Curley.

Absent from the meeting were Elizabeth Hengen, Carol Brooks, Marilyn Fraser, Planning Board member Bill McGonagle, City Planner Doug Woodward and Administrative Specialist Denise Taschereau.

2. Minutes of May 3, 2007:

The Commission considered the minutes of the May 3, 2007 meeting. Mr. Richards made a motion to accept the minutes, Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. New Business:

3a. Section 106 consultation regarding Verizon Wireless cell tower in Hopkinton adjacent to Dimond Hill Farm.

This project was discussed again, with consideration to the Concord Heritage Commission becoming a consulting party in the proceedings. To do so would require a request to the FCC, or possibly the consulting firm making the application. Consulting party status allows the CHC to be fully informed of the project, and to participate in discussions and to offer recommendations. Chairman Donovan will follow-up in getting materials to the CHC for its review.

4. Old Business:

4a. CLG Grant Application

Mr. Richards presented the CLG grant application that had been submitted to the N.H. Division of Historical Resources. The grant will fund a consultant to do a survey of all extant farmsteads within the City. The request was for \$24,200. The information will be valuable as part of the master planning process, and will assist in identifying properties eligible for assistance under RSA 79-D, the barn tax abatement statute. Also in identifying possible properties facing demolition.

4f. Demolition Review Report

Demolition Review Committee Chair Shurtleff reported on request to demolish a barn at 164 Silk Farm Road. The committee has visited the site and determined the building historically significant. A public hearing for next week will be set.

It was noted that the barn on Ferrin Road was coming down and needed to be documented.

5. Dates, conferences, correspondence:

None to report.

6. Other business before the Commission:

Vice Chairperson Shurtleff reported on his presentation to the City Council on the CHC budget request. \$2200 was retained in the budget which includes funds for the recording secretary. Mr. Shurtleff was commended for his efforts, as was Dr. Black for his assistance.

Mr. Richards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:30PM.

James McConaha, recording secretary

