

# HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

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*July 5, 2007*

The Heritage Commission held its regular monthly meeting in the City Council Chambers at 37 Green Street, Concord, NH, on Thursday, July 5, 2007.

1. Call to Order:

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

Present at the meeting were Chairman Phil Donovan, Vice Chairperson Steve Shurtleff, Fred Richards, Carol Brooks, Dr. Douglas Black, Robert Johnson, Marilyn Fraser, James McConaha, and City Planner Doug Woodward.

Absent from the meeting were Elizabeth Hengen, Planning Board member Bill McGonagle and member-in-training Colin Curley.

2. Minutes of June 7, 2007:

The Commission considered the minutes of the June 7, 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, Verizon cell tower, Dimond Hill Farm

Verizon proposes to construct a cell tower south of Dimond Hill Farm, between the farm and I-89. The tower would sit on a knoll at a height the same as Hopkinton Road. Dimond Hill Farm, located within the City of Concord, has both preservation and conservation easements to protect its character. A discussion among the commission members ensued. At this time, the Concord Heritage Commission has limited information available on the project. Doug Woodward outlined how the planning board has dealt with applications and the approach of cellular phone companies. The option of becoming a consulting party was discussed. A motion was made by Carol Brooks, seconded by Fred Richards, that the Concord Heritage Commission become a consulting party. Jim McConaha is to draft the letter.

4. Old Business

4h. Heritage Sign Program

Carol Brooks reported that the cost of the signs has increased. Our agreement with the sign maker is that prices shall be reviewed annually and may be increased upon approval by the Heritage Commission. Carol Brooks moved, Steve Shurtleff seconded a motion to approve the cost changes. The cost changes shall be:

Small wooden sign:	From \$65 to \$90
Small aluminum sign:	From \$226 to \$300
Small bronze sign:	From \$254 to \$380
Large wooden sign:	From \$85 to \$110
Large aluminum sign:	From \$300 to \$406
Large bronze sign:	From \$395 to \$544

There was further discussion about costs and their impact on requests and whether, at some point in the future, we should think about other options.

The motion to approve the changes passed unanimously.

4f. Demolition Review Report

Steve Shurtleff reported on the request for a demolition permit for the barn at 164 Silk Farm Road. A public hearing has been held and options discussed with the owners. No action has been taken to save the barn by the barn owners, as far as anyone knows. Steve has signed off on the demolition review.

5. Dates, conferences, correspondence

The Heritage Commission has received a reply to its letter to Bernard Ash, regarding his publication of the street names of Concord. Mr. Ash still desires assistance in documenting the source of Concord street names. Doug Woodward and Jim McConaha will work on a response to Mr. Ash.

6. Any other business:

Fred Richards reported on the CLG application filed by the Heritage Commission to undertake a city-wide survey of extant farmsteads. The review by the Division of Historical Resources is not yet complete, but results should be known by the next Commission meeting.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the Isaac Hill Marker, currently located in front of the Goodwill Store on Loudon Road. This marker should be relocated to one of the two home sites of Governor Hill on Main Street. Steve Shurtleff offered to work on this project.

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

Respectfully submitted,

James McConaha, recording secretary