

## HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

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*September 6, 2007*

The Heritage Commission held its regular monthly meeting in the City Council Chambers at 37 Green Street, Concord NH on Thursday, September 6, 2007.

1. Call to Order:

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

Present at the meeting were Chairperson Phil Donovan, Vice Chairperson Steve Shurtleff, Robert Johnson, William McGonagle, Frederick Richards, Marilyn Fraser and Carol Durgy Brooks. City Planner Douglas Woodward and Administrative Specialist II Denise Taschereau were also present.

Absent from the meeting were Dr. Douglas Black, Elizabeth Durfee Hengen and James McConaha.

2. Minutes of August 2, 2007:

The commission considered the minutes of August 2, 2007. Vice Chairperson Shurtleff made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. McGonagle seconded the motion. Chairperson Donovan asked if there was any discussion regarding the minutes. There was no discussion. The motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously.

3. New Business:

3a. Hoyt Electric Demolition:

Mr. Shurtleff stated that the Demolition Review Committee held a public meeting for the demolition application at Hoyt Electric on Washington Street in Penacook. The plan is to take down a portion of the building at a point where there had been an addition. There is a break in the foundation at the point where the building would be cut. There was some discussion regarding the building.

Chairperson Donovan elevated all alternate members to full members.

Chairperson Donovan made a motion that the Heritage Commission writes a letter to the Planning Board in support of the demolition at the cut in the foundation of the Hoyt Electric Building. The Commission also wishes to support preserving as much of the historic building as possible.

Mr. Richards seconded the motion.

Chairperson Donovan asked if there was any discussion on the motion.

Mr. Johnson asked that it be noted that he did not participate in the discussion or the vote.

The motion passed with all members voting in favor except for Mr. Johnson, who abstained from the vote.

4. Old Business:

4a. Section 106 consultation regarding Verizon Wireless cell tower in Hopkinton between the Diamond Hill Farm and I-89:

Mr. Woodward stated that a balloon test was conducted at the cell tower site. He said that several people who attended said that they could not see the balloon. The Concord Planning Board has forwarded comments to the Hopkinton Planning Board. The location of the town line on the property has been questioned. This is an issue that will be addressed further.

4b. Heritage Sign Program:

Ms. Brooks stated that the website has been updated to include the new application with the new price list.

4c. Commission's Master Plan Priorities:

Mr. Woodward stated that the commission's section of the Master Plan was reorganized to fit the format of the document. The Master Plan will be reviewed by the Planning Board next week. Section 106 was added for clarification.

Mr. McGonagle asked for clarification of item #10.

Mr. Richards responded that it was a general policy statement at the moment.

Mr. McGonagle stated that he was happy with the recommendations in the Master Plan.

4d. Commission Procedural Rules Amendment:

No discussion.

4e. Electronic Message Center Signs:

No discussion.

4f. Demolition Review - Committee Report:

Discussed as new business (3a.)

4g. Architectural Surveys on the Website:

No discussion.

5. Dates, conferences, correspondence:

No discussion.

6. Other Business:

Ms. Fraser stated that after some research, it was determined that the corner of School Street and Main Street was the original location of the Isaac Hill house. The marker that indicates that it's the home of Isaac Hill is now located in front of the Goodwill Industries Building on Loudon Road. No one is quite sure how the marker ended up there.

There was some discussion regarding the marker at the Goodwill Industries Building on Loudon Road.

Vice Chairperson Shurtleff spoke to the manager of Goodwill and he stated that Goodwill will have no problem with the marker being moved.

Chairperson Donovan suggested that we get something in writing from Goodwill before the marker is moved.

There was some discussion regarding the possible cost of moving that marker and who would pay for the project.

Many members stated that the City should be responsible for moving the marker.

Ms. Brooks made a motion that the commission writes a request to the City requesting that they move the marker from Loudon Road to the corner of School Street and South Main Street. The letter should state that the marker's current location is the wrong historically, and that it should be moved to be historically accurate.

Vice Chairperson Shurtleff asked Mr. Woodward for an update on the Sewalls Falls Bridge schedule.

Mr. Woodward responded that he believes the work will be pushed back a few years.

Mr. McGonagle stated that there was a letter in the agenda package regarding architectural sites at the Whispering Heights development. The letter refers to a report.

Mr. Woodward stated that he had not seen the report.

Mr. Johnson asked about the district schools.

Chairperson Donovan stated that he believes that there will be a committee forming to discuss the future use of school district buildings.

Ms. Fraser stated that all of the school buildings have historical value.

Chairperson Donovan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairperson Shurtleff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Denise Taschereau  
Administrative Specialist II  
Community Development Department  
City of Concord