

HERITAGE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2016

The Heritage Commission held its regular monthly meeting in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Annex, 37 Green Street, Concord, New Hampshire, on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Seating of Alternates:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Chair Phil Donovan, and members Fred Richards, Richard Woodfin, Richard Jaques, and Carol Brooks. City Planner Nancy Larson and Planning Division Administrative Specialist Lisa Fellows-Weaver were also in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2016:

Mr. Jaques moved to approve the April 7, minutes, as written. Mr. Woodfin seconded the motion, and the Committee unanimously approved.

3. New Business

a. CLG Grant ~ Follow Up

Ms. Larson provided an overview of the status of the CLG Grant. She explained the materials included in the grant packet. She anticipated that additional photos will be available in the final package and will be beneficial. She added that a decision will be made by May 9, 2016.

Ms. Larson stated that she expects three or four proposals to be submitted once the RFP is sent out. She added that she will provide a draft of the proposed RFP at a future meeting for the commission's review.

The commission congratulated Ms. Larson on a job well done.

4. Regular Business

a. Demolition Review – Committee Report

Mr. Richards provided a follow up on the worker cottage on Blake Street as discussed at the April meeting. He stated that the demolition is necessary in order to expand the parking area of the abutting dentist office. He added that he intends to visit the area and photo document the demolition process. He stated that the Demolition Review Committee (DRC) reviewed the demolition permit application and has signed off.

Mr. Richards stated that he does not have any additional information to provide relative to the Beede House on Washington Street, Penacook. He noted that the DRC did sign off on the permit.

Mr. Jaques asked about the apartment building which is across the street from the dentist office. Chairman Donovan expanded further on the Demolition Review Committee's standpoint of the area of 2 Wall Street. He noted that there are many houses in this area and this circumstance is not unique, especially from an architectural/historical standpoint, which is why the committee chose not to pursue this. He explained that the elimination of this building does go against the intent of the Master Plan to obtain housing in the downtown area. He stated that, based on a citywide standpoint, losing this type of housing is unfortunate.

Mr. Woodfin asked about the dimension of the structure. It is explained that the structure is a 1½ story house with window dormers and additions.

Ms. Larson explained that the property owner (of 2 Wall Street) did meet with the development team regarding the proposal and he indicated that the proposal would also be more aesthetically pleasing to the neighborhood. Ms. Larson noted that the development team expressed dissatisfaction with the proposal due to the Master Plan. Additional discussion was held regarding the Wall Street area and the encroachment of businesses into residential areas on this street. Chairman Donovan noted that this is an issue that the planning board needs to be aware of.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Chairman Donovan adjourned the meeting at 4:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Fellows-Weaver
Administrative Specialist