

Demolition Review Board
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Public Meeting at 32/34 South Main Street

Meeting Date:
March 22nd, 2022

Meeting Location:
NH State Employment Security Building 32 & 34 South Main Street

Public Meeting Attendees:
James W. Spain, Chairperson DRB
Mike Dunn, DRB Member
Dr. Tolles, DRB Member
Richard Jacques, DRB Member
David Hall, City of Concord
Matthew Walsh, City of Concord

A public meeting was conducted by the Demolition Review Board as a result of the Demolition Review Application filed with the City of Concord. Our committee member meeting began at 4:25pm and we completed both the interior and exterior tour of the subject property.

The property is certainly historically significant. The original structure was known as the St. Mary's School for Girls and functioned in that capacity for many decades. Circa 1960 the building was purchased by the State of New Hampshire to be utilized as the New Hampshire Employment Security Office. At this time there was extensive renovation of the former St. Mary's School, the building to the south was demolished and the structure was subject to a large addition towards the front facing Main Street. This circa 1960 renovation removed the exterior view of the former school. Recent hazardous material mitigation has been completed and the interior of the building does not retain the original integrity of the St. Mary's School. The DRB documented the interior and exterior with photography and will place the photographs on the Heritage Commission site with access to the public.

The DRB members sought a vote to approve the demolition. A motion for approval of demolition was made by James W. Spain, seconded by Mike Dunn with all members approving.

Meeting concluded at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

James W. Spain
Chairperson
Demolition Review Board
March 23, 2022