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Minutes

Regular Meeting

Wednesday June 12, 2019

4th Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Peg Corbosiero, Jay McCronon, Gerry Harrington, Lois Abare, Don O'Neil, Mary Harrington

Members Absent: Corey Bohan

Others Present: Jenelle Sroczynski Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order: 6:39p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the 5-8-2019 Regular Meeting, as amended O'Neil/Abare, 5-0 Approved, @ 6:35 pm.

Public Comment:

None were heard

Member Comments:

Ms. Sroczynski read an email from Mr. Bohan to the Commission expressing his need to resign from the Commission as Chairman. Mr. Bohan will remain active as a member.

Native American Project:

There was no update for this project.

Historic Commission Policies:

Ms. Corbosiero is continuing her work on policies. She is not interested in changing policy, she would rather tailor wording to fit the needs of the Commission. She has examples from the Providence Historic District, Charlotte, and Cannon, NH districts as well. Ms. Abare suggested having a small booklet of "cheat sheets" to be available to members, and perhaps given to new owners of historic homes. This remains an ongoing agenda item.

Old Business:

Pleasant View Estate: Ms. Sroczyński informed the Commission that she had sent another letter to the Kuipers, and it was unclaimed and returned. Mr. O'Neill to send email to Mr. Newton to see what if anything can be done to complete the project. The Commission, for future projects, will be setting mandatory timelines for completion to avoid this situation repeating. Mr. McCronon stated the Commission should be more concerned with project approval rather than enforcement.

Trees at Old Center: Ms. Corbosiero has spoken with Mr. Hickey regarding the planting of trees on the Common. He informed her the DPW had planted the trees, as they were left over. Ms. Corbosiero expressed the Commission should have had some say in where the trees were planted as it is in a Historic District. Mr. McCronon was given stakes to place on the Common where he feels the trees should be relocated to. Ms. G. Harrington is concerned the trees have been in the ground for a month, and they are starting to take root. The DPW will replant to new location. *Motion to accept Mr. McCronon's placement of stakes for relocation of trees, O'Neil/Abare 6-0 Approved @ 6:52 pm.* Mr. O'Neil to inform Mr. Hickey trees are ready to be moved. Ms. M. Harrington asked why the trees were not being planted on the island of Teel and Hall Roads. Mr. McCronon thinks it's best if different trees such as flowering cherry or river birch be planted as to not impede site lines. Only certain trees can be planted on the Common, so no electrical line interference happens.

New Business:

With the resignation of Mr. Bohan as Chairman, the board needs to be reorganized. Mr. O'Neil nominated Ms. Corbosiero for Chairman, a roll call vote followed with all members unanimously voting Ms. Corbosiero as Chair. Ms. Corbosiero nominated Mr. O'Neil as Vice-Chair. A roll call vote followed with all members unanimously voting Mr. O'Neil as Vice-Chair. Mr. O'Neil nominated Ms. Abare as Secretary, a roll call vote followed with all members unanimously voting Ms. Abare as Secretary. Ms. M. Harrington is interested in securing the full member spot now that it is vacant. Ms. Harrington is now a full member of the Commission.

Next Meeting: July 10, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn: O'Neil/Abare 5-0 Approved 7:08pm.*

Meeting Adjourned at 7:09pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jenelle Sroczyński
Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:



