

Town of Durham
Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 3, 2005

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Vice-Chairman Duncan Milne at the Durham Public Library.

Roll Call: Members present: Trish Dynia, Norman Jason, Duncan Milne and Gordon Wolfgang. Alternates present: Linda Bertelsen and Clay Howe. Members Absent: George Zeeb.

Others Present: Architect Tom Arcari, Attorney John Corona and Simone Howe.

Seating of Alternates: None

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Clay Howe, seconded by Linda Bertelsen, to approve the October 6, 2005 minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously.*

New Business

Annual Report: Duncan Milne presented copies of the Commissions annual report which he composed and delivered to Town Hall earlier in the week.

Dunkin Donuts: Mr. Milne reported that the franchise will present an APCOA regarding the installation of refrigeration units and possible fencing or other screening at the rear of the building.

New Members: Mr. Milne encouraged members to present names of possible replacements for Alan Reed to the Board of Selectmen. This is an out-of-district position.

Final Plans for Town Hall: Architect Tom Arcari encouraged members to visit the foreman's trailer at Town Hall and "take a peek" inside where the interior improvements have been removed and the existing frame is exposed. He then presented examples of final materials to be used on the foundation, siding and windows of Town Hall. The foundation of the addition will consist of 2' x 3' brownstone blocks from the Portland Quarries. He brought samples of the pre-primed cedar clapboards and trim pieces to match the existing materials, as well as Marvin window with 1" mullion to match existing windows. Timberline architectural roof shingles, 30 year, in black, were chosen over the 50 year for the following reasons: 1. Substantial difference in cost between the 30 and 60, 2. The 30-year tended to last longer than expected, and most significantly, 3. The weight of the 50-year could be problematic for the structure to carry in the long run.

A motion was made by Duncan Milne, seconded by Norman Jason, to approve the materials as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Norman Jason, seconded by Duncan Milne, to give final approval to APCOA #305. The motion passed unanimously.

Chimney Replacement, 85 Main Street, Simone Howe: Alternate Clay Howe recused himself during this discussion. Mrs. Howe explained that during the recent torrential rains, the uncapped cinder block chimney partially collapsed and a substantial amount of water and chimney materials fell into the house. Mrs. Howe presented photographs of the existing chimney, the home's former brick chimney, and a chimney existing on an 18th century home which they would like to replicate. After a brief discussion, the Commission decided that the work to be done was appropriate, emergency maintenance which should be done as soon as possible in order to avoid further damage to the home. Therefore no APCOA would be necessary.

Old Business

Chain Link Fence at Day Care Center, 68 Main Street: After a brief discussion, the Commission decided to look into the matter further before taking any action.

Temporary signs along Main Street: Members discussed the matter of temporary, sandwich board signs and signs placed in the State right-of-way along Main Street.

A motion was made by Clay Howe, seconded by Norman Jason, to have Vice-Chairman Milne attend an up-coming Planning & Zoning meeting to discuss the on-going problem which falls under the jurisdiction of both Town agencies. The motion passed unanimously.

Satellite Dishes: Trish Dynia distributed materials obtained from the FCC website regarding historic district commission input into the placement of satellite dishes on homes in the historic district. Members will review the materials and discuss again.

Communication: Members briefly discussed ways in which the Commission can communicate to citizens, both inside and outside the district, Commission rules and advantages of historic preservation.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Duncan Milne, seconded by Gordon Wolfgang, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Dynia

Cc: Town Clerk