

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
KINGSTON, NH
PUBLIC HEARING

JULY 14, 2015

The acting Chairperson, Charlotte Boutin, called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

Commission members present:

Charlotte Boutin, Vice Chair
George Korn, BOS rep.

Glenn Coppelman
Stacy Smoyer

Board updates

Planning Board: Mr. Coppelman explained that the Planning Board hadn't met for a couple of months so he has no updates at this time.

Board of Selectmen: Mr. Korn noted that they did sign the agreement regarding the old Nichols Library and the proposal to re-name as the Nichols Heritage Center and sent to the different Boards to look at it; the Heritage Commission reviewed at their last meeting and indicated support for it but wanted to review it prior to signing. He said that it was out there for discussion and it was the beginning of movement and direction. Mr. Korn explained that it was proposed to be named the Nichols Heritage Center with the building under the auspices of the Heritage Commission and have the Museum Committee be the managers of the building and it would also provide the Heritage Commission with an appropriate budget to maintain and operate the building as a heritage site for the Town of Kingston. Mr. Korn said there is a question as to whether there is an established trust or if it is just a deed; these things need to be sorted out. He said it is a work in progress. Mr. Coppelman asked if there were any updates for the Grace Daley house, noting there was a sign post out front. Mr. Korn said no updates; the sign post is nothing the Board of Selectmen is aware of.

CIP: Mr. Coppelman said nothing was new since his last report; right now they are waiting for requests to be submitted by the end of August with the CIP's first meeting in the beginning of September.

Minutes: It was decided to table the minutes of June 9, 2015 to the next meeting until more members who were present at that meeting can vote on them.

Kingdom Awakening Ministries
160D Main St.
Tax Map U10 Lot9

Mr. Coppelman reviewed the permit for a sign permit for the plaza; the applicant is keeping the existing sign but changing the name on it; during the discussion the Board assumed they are replacing an existing use and keeping the same type of sign. Mr. Korn said the application said that the proposed construction date is July 22nd and confirms that they are keeping the existing sign but just changing the name on the sign. The Board will pause with the discussion while waiting for the applicant to arrive.

Ms. Boutin noted that the Board turned off the recorder while waiting for the applicant to arrive but the applicant did not arrive at the meeting and there was no further information or discussion. She also noted that the agenda has a discussion at 7:30 for the Saunders property but no one arrived for that discussion either.

Mr. Coppelman suggested closing the loop on the sign application as it sounds simple and straight-forward but he believes the Commission has a policy to not act on an application unless the applicant is present; he noted there were no pictures showing the colors, the font but since no details were presented he would be hard-pressed to approve a sign with no specifications. Ms. Boutin agreed that some information would have been helpful. Mr. Korn said that the sign is being planned on the 22nd and that won't happen without the Board's approval; he suggested that the Chair contact them to submit more information and hold off on their sign change until it is approved. Mr. Coppelman suggested continuing so they didn't have to re-apply.

MM&S to continue the sign hearing request for Kingdom Awakening Ministries at 7:15 on August 11, 2015. (Motion by Mr. Coppelman, second by Mr. Korn) PUNA

Mr. Coppelman added that there should be some instruction back to Ms. Morse to make sure that the applicant is contacted and that they will be on the agenda for next month.

Mr. Korn stated that he believed that the Saunders discussion was something that Ms. Morse requested as she had mentioned to him that she would like to see the grass mowed on the property as the property is looking unruly; it was discussed at the Selectmen's meeting and he believes that Mr. St. Hilaire will get it mowed. If there is something else, he is unaware of it.

Ms. Boutin announced that the next meeting is August 11th at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

MM&S to adjourn at 7:40 PM. (Motion by Mr. Coppelman, second by Mr. Korn) PUNA

Respectfully Submitted,


Ellen L. Faulconer, recording secretary
(Minutes transcribed from meeting recording)