

Town of Kingston, New Hampshire
Historic District Commission
Minutes of Meeting
September 10, 2013 –7:05 PM

Present: Virginia Morse (Chair), Charlotte Boutin (Vice Chair), George Korn (Board of Selectmen), John Flanders and Susan Prescott were present. Stanley Shalett (voting member since Glenn was absent) arrived late as noted. Stacey Smoyer arrived late at approx 7:20.

Absent: Glenn Coppelman (Planning Board)

Minutes: Minutes from the August 13, 2013. George Korn made a motion to accept the minutes. Charlotte Boutin 2nd the motion. All in Favor. No Opposed votes. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: Virginia Morse stated that she had spoken to Rick Korn who stated that he is doing maintenance on the building that is occupied by Bucco's Restaurant. Based on the discussion regarding the work, it was determined that the work being done is maintenance and does not require a new application at this time. Virginia stated that she has an appointment with Jan Bennett of the School Board. She added that they plan to write an application for the Seven to Save Program for the Seminary Building.

Stanley Shalett arrived.

Board Updates:

Board of Selectmen (George Korn)- George stated that the budget request for the project by Evelyn Nathan was presented to the Board of Selectmen and that it was approved. George stated that the Bucco Restaurant is an ongoing issue. He stated that the issue has been passed along to the Planning Board at this time. He stated that his understanding is that a Site Plan is being worked on and that they hope to establish an agreement of understanding with the building owner. George stated that he did not believe that a Cease and Desist had been issued by the Board of Selectmen at this time. Virginia stated that she had requested a Cease and Desist but had added an addendum to reflect that Mr. LeClair had told the HDC that the sign was no longer functioning and would not be lit. She added that Mr. LeClair had also stated that he did not intend on applying to the ZBA for a variance.

Planning Board - Stanley Shalett, sitting in for Glenn Coppelman, stated that he had no new information.

New Business

Brian Gallant and Lynne Merrill- Main St.- Brian had appeared before the HDC in August and was asked to bring further information and details about his reconstruction and repair plans.. Virginia stated that members had done some research in the literature that the HDC has in their library and found images similar to what Brian would like to do. The HDC reviewed pictures supplied. Brian stated that the company he has chosen for the vinyl siding offers similar white trim options to those on the building now. Brian distributed samples of the vinyl siding he planned to use and a business brochure showing the company's options for the HDC to review.

Many of the trim pieces that cannot be duplicated will be removed from the back of the house and put on the front where decorative pieces have rotted. Virginia reminded Brian that the HDC is able to grant approval in stages, noting that dimensions and a drawing is needed. Brian stated that since he currently has approval to remove the porch, he may continue on the parts of the projects that he can receive approval for and wait to construct the porch in the Spring. Virginia restated the application conditions which include applying siding, matching trim, replacing the windows (double hung, double pane 2 over 2) with the notation that there may be a future application to rebuild the deconstructed porch. George Korn made a motion to approve the application. Charlotte Boutin 2nd the motion. All in Favor. No Opposed. Motion Carries. Brian was advised that he would be receiving another Certificate of Approval for these items.

Carlisles- Virginia stated that the Carlisles on Bartlett St. are interested in Home Occupation Business in the Historic District. Virginia stated that they were added to the agenda and then it was determined that they did not need to seek approval of the HDC based on the established Town Ordinances addressing Invisible Businesses.

Task Force for Grace Daley House preservation- Debbie Powers Powers (Chair of the Heritage Commission), Ernie Landry (Heritage Commission), Jef Flanders McDougall (Museum Committee)

Debbie Powers stated that she would like to address the Grace Daley House. She stated that the group is on the Board of Selectmen's agenda for September 23 to discuss the outcome of the building. The Board of Selectmen has signed a contract for the demolition but the contractor has agreed to allow time for negotiations regarding the building. Debbie Powers stated that she feels it would be in the group's best interest to present the info at the September meeting. Virginia stated that the HDC in general is against the demolition of the historic buildings within the town. There was discussion regarding the information that should be presented and the manner in which it should be presented to the Board of Selectmen. There was discussion regarding the RSAs and how the public would react if the building was not demolished as voted on. George Korn noted that the goal of the Board of Selectmen is to reflect the wishes of the people. He noted that one of the questions that might be presented by the people could be "How many museums or similar buildings does one town need?" and that the group should consider that. George stated that his goal is to do what will be best for the town and the people and what the town can support. He also noted that there are several other expensive projects in the works that need to be considered when planning on how to present these plans to the public. Debbie Powers stated that her goal is to deliver just enough information to have the Board of Selectmen agree to grant the task force more time before demolition. It was suggested that the Board of Selectmen meeting be advertised in the Carriage Towne and the Town website. There was discussion regarding the possibility of funding the restoration process. Virginia stated that she would research other possible grants that might be available. The Seven to Save Program was discussed. The group discussed the optimal amount of time for a presentation. There were plans made for more discussion at the next Heritage Commission meeting the following day.

Debbie Powers stated that the Heritage Commission is currently working on restoring the Bandstand and having it added to the National Registry of Historic Places.

93 **Kingston Chronicles-** Virginia asked for volunteers to write future Chronicles articles based on
94 notes from Don Clark and Phyllis Crowell. Susan Prescott volunteered for Don's and Stacey
95 Smoyer volunteered for Phyllis'.

96 **John Flanders-** Notified the HDC of his intention to resign from the Commission due a decline
97 in his health. He thanked the Commission and expressed his concern that his decline in health
98 would become a burden on the HDC. Virginia thanked him for his service and his dedication to
99 the HDC over the years.

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101 **A motion was made by John Flanders to adjourn at 8:25 P.M.**

102 **Charlotte Boutin 2nd the motion. All in Favor. No Opposed. Meeting Adjourned.**
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105 *Virginia Morse, chair*