

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MINUTES

November 9, 2021

APPROVED: 4/12/22

AGENDA: BROCHURE
WORKSHOP

ATTENDING: Richard LaFlamme (Chair), Kyle Sandler (Vice Chair), Anita Avery (Select Board Rep), Steve Favorite, Dorcas Gordon

ABSENT: None

OTHER: Christina Goodwin (Land Use Manager)

Mr. LaFlamme opened the meeting at 7:00pm with a quorum.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2021:

The minutes of August 10 were reviewed. S. Favorite made a MOTION, SECOND by D. Gordon, to APPROVE THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN. The motion CARRIED 4-0.

Mr. Sandler joined the meeting at this time.

WORKSHOP – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Brochure:

The corrections had been made to the brochure, including the formatting being updated, and a new picture added. The Commission reviewed the changes. Ms. Goodwin pointed out one sentence on the inside near the Historic District Overlay map that the spacing needs to be fixed. No other changes were noted. S. Favorite made a MOTION, SECOND by A. Avery, to APPROVE THE BROCHURE AS AMENDED. Ms. Goodwin advised that Ms. Thompson will make the change and we will get the color versions printed out of this year's budget.

Mr. Favorite inquired on the walking tour brochure. Ms. Goodwin stated that this is on the list to be updated, but we do still post the old tour brochure on the Historic District's page of the website.

Historic District Boundary Signs

Mr. Laflamme advised that we changed the size of the posts for the boundary signs to 4X4X12, per Mark Bucklin's feedback. Some areas might need more post installed and those areas that don't, the posts can be cut back. Ms. Goodwin reported that Mark will purchase the posts, the caps on the posts and store any that are not installed this year. The first sign to be replaced will be the sign near the Town Office building. There is a concern that the sign near the bridge on South Main Street is not going to be able to be changed to the new posts, however, that sign will most likely not be addressed until spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Certified Local Government (CLG) Report and Grant Rounds

Ms. Goodwin advised the Commission that a copy of the report was in the Commission member packets. The report was completed by Ms. Thompson and submitted prior to the deadline.

Ms. Goodwin reported that CLG has mini grants coming up. Things like sending two people to the National Conference, camp education programs, etc. She will send the information to the Commission by email

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and if anyone is interested in the options, then the Land Use Office will work on the grant applications, which are due in January.

LCHIP Reporting

Ms. Goodwin advised the last round of reporting for the LCHIP grant and 5-year Stewardship are due by the end of this year. The final review and inspection were completed in June. Ms. Goodwin inquired if there were any specific things that the Commission would like have added to the report. No items were recommended.

Ms. Goodwin also reported that the Town is looking at completing some outstanding work for the Historic Town Hall and once the quote is received, then grant options will be reviewed.

NH Preservation Alliance – Seven to Save Update

Mr. Laflamme reported that he attended a webinar with the NH Preservation Alliance for the Seven to Save program. By attending the webinar, he became a member. Mr. Laflamme reported that the Seven to Save program has helped attract attention and resources to update and improve landmarks, that are suffering from neglect, no funds to repair and other hazards. He reported that some of the projects over the past year have included the church in Laconia. Mr. Laflamme felt that this was an interesting program and as he learns new things, he will bring it back to share with the Commission.

Mr. Sandler talked about a grant from the 1772 Foundation that issues grant funds to be used for preservation projects.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2021, with a deadline for applications of November 24, 2021. The Commission agreed that if there were no applications, then they didn't have a need to meet. S. Favorite made a MOTION, second by K. Sandler, to CANCEL THE DECEMBER MEETING IF THERE ARE NO APPLICATIONS. The motion CARRIED 5-0.

With no other business, K. Sandler made a MOTION, SECOND by S. Favorite, to adjourn at 7:40pm. The motion CARRIED 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Goodwin
Land Use Manager