

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
September 8, 2015

**APPROVED as amended & clarified:**  
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AGENDA: COMPLIANCE: RUSS HERTRICH, 12 Central Square, #114-172  
WORKSHOP: MASTER PLAN – HISTORIC RESOURCES CHAPTER

ATTEND: Clay Dingman (Chairman), Sandra Heaney (Vice Chair), Betsy Schneider  
(Sel. Rep.), Dorcas Gordon

ABSENT: Larry Douglas

OTHER: -----

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2015: The following amendments and clarifications were made =  
Page 2, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> line, delete “We also should grow the Historic District.” 4<sup>th</sup> line,  
replace “Save” with “Safe”. 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 6<sup>th</sup> line, replace “Historic” with “Historical”

S. Heaney made a motion, second by B. Schneider, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried.

**COMPLIANCE: RUSS HERTRICH**

Mr. Dingman explained that the COA for Mr. Hertrich was in 2 parts: the main approval and then for a sign at a later date. As Mr. Dingman usually does, he offered to help design the sign (pro-bono) when Mr. Hertrich was ready. At first Mr. Hertrich asked for this, later said no, and then showed up at Mr. Dingman’s home. In the interest of the Right-to-Know law, Mr. Dingman e-mailed the back and forth communications between them. Mr. Dingman felt that Mr. Hertrich had indicated that he would be paying for and handling the sign. As it turned out, his tenant was then involved who felt that the cost was too high. Mr. Dingman explained that, instead of the carved sign, she could do a painted wood sign which would be much cheaper and all she would need is a sign permit. At this point, Mr. Hertrich has pulled out from any involvement with the sign so the HDC shall note this in these minutes and, should he become involved at a later date, he will need to come in for a new COA. When asked why the tenant could not use her previous sign, Ms. Heaney answered that the proportion was a problem as it was too small for the building and would not be seen.

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Mr. Dingman stated that the Planning Board is in the process of updating the Master Plan and the HDC is to do the Historic Resource Chapter. The HDC applied for, and received, a CLG grant for this work and we hired the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) for help in 2014. The New Hampshire Dept. of Historic Resources got more involved than we anticipated and things had to be moved around a bit. They have now given approval and the grant has paid for it all. We did have to cut out a couple of things, however. The next step is to present this to the Planning Board.

At this point, the HDC went over the draft copy distributed for tonight's meeting. On page 5, Ms. Heaney questioned the word "retrofitting" as it is now commonly known as "repurpose". Mr. Dingman agreed but explained that this is a quote and must remain as is.

Page 6, under 2014, it was felt that the LCHP grant for the Old Town Hall should be added.

Page 12, Mr. Dingman would like to see a tie between the Historic Survey data and the property records. Ms. Gordon also pointed out that the Plymouth paper is the Record Enterprise.

Page 14, there was a discussion of the map, and the colors used, being confusing. Mr. Dingman suggested keeping the locations as shown but, instead of the colors, listing that information in a table below the map. Ms. Heaney noted that #8, Bristol Fire Station, is now on the State register and that #23, Whipple House Bed & Breakfast is on both the State and the National registers.

Page 16, Mr. Dingman felt that this map should be larger so that it is easier to read. Ms. Gordon questioned that dates listed as she thinks that her house was younger than her folks' house. Ms. Heaney looked them up and found that Ms. Gordon's house was built in 1855, her folks' house in 1830. It was also noted that the Mason's building is from 1890. Mr. Dingman added that there are several listed as being older than 200 years. He feels that we do not have as many now so he will check with Mike Izard (LRPC) as to where he got his information.

All in all, the Commission is happy with the draft and noted that it is an improvement over what we had.

OTHER: With no communications or other business, the Commission discussed the area of coverage for 79-E and Ms. Schneider will get back to us on that. They also questioned if anyone had heard of the Friends of the Old Town Hall getting together for a meeting. It was felt that the leaders may still be applying for non-profit status. Further discussion was about Northern Pass and its impact on historic resources. The HDC feels that they should have input on the properties affected. B. Schneider made a motion, second by D. Gordon, to adjourn at 8:06p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Laferriere, recording secretary