

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

January 17, 2013

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT:

Richard Nenni, Chris Haines, Sandy Church, Mary Anne Braunbach, and Aric Albright

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

CEO Vendetti

Mr. Dan Dunn – owner of 125 Liberty Street

Tom Rivers

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Sandy. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A motion was made by Sandy, seconded by Chris to open the public hearing regarding the hardship process requested by Mr. Dan Dunn for the demolition of the building located at 125 Liberty Street.

Motion passed unanimously

Public hearing opened at 7:02 pm.

Linda Smith arrived at 7:04 pm

Mr. Dunn explained to the Commission that he would like to be granted a demolition permit for the building located at 125 Liberty Street. He stated that he purchased the building to help out the previous owner (J. Theodorakos) and eventually sell the stone from the building.

Mr. Vendetti informed the commission that he had already issued tickets to Mr. Dunn for having an unsafe structure .

The commission asked what would be done with the property once the building was removed. Mr Dunn told them that he would grade the property and cover it with dirt/grass or gravel . There was concern expressed by members about what would happen if the property was not maintained. Mr. Vendetti informed the commission that if that were to happen Mr. Dunn would be issued tickets to maintain it. The Village could also perform maintenance at the cost of the property owner – this is added to the Village tax bill if necessary.

Sandy asked Mr. Dunn what his preference would be for the lot. He stated that he would prefer to put gravel on it so that it was the same as the rest of the lot surrounding his property.

The timeline from the removal of the building to the grading of the lot was also discussed.

Mary Anne inquired about the boundaries of Mr. Dunn's property – she owns the lot next to his.

Jordan Bonafede arrived at 7:21pm. He reviewed information already given to the HPC as follows

- Ownership of the property was transferred from Mr. Theodorakos to Mr. Dunn in March 2012 for a purchase price of \$100,000.
- The HPC had received copies of a demolition permit that was already issued to Mr. Theodorakos in 2010
- An extension was granted to Mr. Theodorakos through August 2012.

Everyone present who wished to speak was heard. A motion was made by Chris, seconded by Mary Anne to close the public hearing at 7:30 pm.

Motion passed unanimously

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:

- Add: Tom Rivers – downtown streetscape presentation to “new business”
- Add: HPC elections to “new business”

APPROVE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Chris, seconded by Linda to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2012 meeting as submitted.

Motion passed unanimously

APPROVE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Sandy, seconded by Linda to approve the agenda for the January 17, 2013 meeting with the above mentioned additions

Motion passed unanimously

HARDSHIP APPLICATION – 125 LIBERTY STREET

A motion was made by Sandy, seconded by Chris to grant the hardship application submitted by Mr. Daniel Dunn for the demolition of the building located at 125 Liberty Street with the provision that the site will be backfilled with 2 inch crusher run and topped with a 1 inch layer of crusher run. The project will be completed within ninety (90) days – from the start to finish with the exception of the asbestos abatement. If necessary, a thirty (30) day extension could be granted if Mr. Dunn is proceeding in good faith and circumstances are beyond his control.

Motion passed

5 – Ayes

Sandy Church

Chris Haines

Aric Albright

Richard Nenni

Linda Smith

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Mary Anne Braunbach

Jordan Bonafede

STREETSCAPE PRESENTATION

Tom Rivers gave a presentation to the HPC showing downtown streetscape ideas to be funded by grant money through AMSA and SHPO. The plans included benches, trees bike racks and signage. The HPC supports the streetscape project as long as the plans are approved by SHPO.

DESIGN STANDARDS

Nothing further to report this month

ELECTIONS: Elections for “chair” and “vice chair” of the Historic Preservation Commission will be held at the regular monthly meeting in April. The date of the meeting is April 18, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Chris seconded by Linda to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Motion passed unanimously