

DURHAM HISTORIC COMMISSION
THURSDAY, August 7, 2003 7:00 pm
DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman: Roger Jaques
Vice chair: Crawford Mills,
Secretary: Andrea Bodo,
Leslie Schwartz
:
Joan Graf
Malcolm Sandberg, Town Council Representative:

MEMBERS ABSENT Nicholas Isaak, Planning Board Representative:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair: Roger Jaques called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JULY 3, 2003 minutes

Mal Sandberg cited the last paragraph under III. New Business : re Berton application:

The vote was carried by Leslie Schwartz and Andrea Bodo to be corrected to read "The motion passed unanimously".

The motion was made by Mal Sandberg and seconded by Crawford Mills to accept the minutes of July 3, 2003 as amended.

The new amended minutes are being emailed to Karen Edwards to reflect the change.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Sandy Amell, President Durham Historical Association asked the HDC for advisement re the proposal of a new air conditioning unit to be put in the Museum (Court House. 2d floor). The unit will necessitate a 3ft square compressor (cube) to be positioned on the Rte 108 side of the building near the basement steps.

It was suggested by Mal Sandberg that the property owner (Smith) be approached about the possibility of locating the compressor unit on a piece of land abutting the Court House.

It was also suggested that Mr Amell speak with Todd Selig about how he should proceed.

IV . Old Business

1..Website for HDC – Chair Jaques discussed the town website suggesting that the HDC information be more expansive.

a.Expand to add addresses – several members had concerns about this information being on the website at this time. There was specific concern about posting home phone #'s.

b.Photos of each structure – it was felt that a front view of each house in the Historic District could be photographed and compiled for official use. It was not clear that this data should be posted on the website at this time.

c.Add history – Crawford Mills passed out a listing of the properties and owners names for our own info at this time.

d.Plaque info – Mal Sandberg commented on the new HISTORIC DISTRICT signs that are now up as you enter Main Street. This is the first step in the plaque project in Durham.

Andrea Bodo will contact Colonial Brass again to obtain information about plaques for the houses. This info might be put up on the website under the HDC at a later time so interested homeowners could obtain a plaque for their home. The plaques were approved at previous HDC meetings (? 2 yrs ago)

2.Demolition by Neglect – Chair Jaques led a discussion of this topic and reviewed examples in a compilation of articles that he researched. Leslie Schwartz brought up the topic of the town taking over a lien on a property that was considered for demolition by neglect.

Mal Sandberg suggested that the NH Municipal Association be contacted since Durham is a member.

The group felt that this was a worthwhile topic to discuss but first it should be clarified what information and data has already been compiled about this issue.

V ONGOING TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION NEXT MTG

A.. House plaques – Andrea Bodo will follow through with this project.

B. “demolition by neglect” – Chair Jaques will follow through with more information.

C.. Heritage Commission – Andrea Bodo passed out information obtained thus far on the possibility of establishing this Commission to oversee historical resources such as the Mill Pond . It is hoped that members will read this and be prepared with any comments at the next mtg.

D. Status of Article VI rewrite at the Planning Board

E .Crawford Mills will continue with his project of getting all the homeowners identified in the district

F. House colors. Do we want to adopt a statement about this in our revised ordinance ? It seems that this is left up to the individual towns discretions. Since Durham has a large proportion of properties that are not owner occupied, it might be of benefit to adopt a statement.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The **MOTION** for adjournment was made by Joan Graf , and **SECONDED** by Crawford Mills. _____

The meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:00p

Minutes taken by,
Andrea Bodo, secretary HDC

8/10/03

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