

DURHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT /HERITAGE COMMISSION
Thursday February 3, 2011
DURHAM TOWN HALL -COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT, Leslie Schwartz, chair, Andrea Bodo secretary ,
Peter Stanhope Town Council rep, Peter Wolfe Planning Board rep, Crawford Mills

MEMBERS ABSENT: Erich Ingelfinger, Henry Smith vice chair

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Murphy (Grange Hall Lofts), Todd Selig – Town Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER 7:10p

II. Approval of Minutes :

December – minutes deferred (lack of that meetings representation to approve)

January 2011 minutes **approved**

Peter Stanhope moved to approve minutes, Crawford seconded it. Vote Unanimous.

III. New Business

Andrea moved to amend the Agenda to hear the presentation of the GRANGE HALL RFP by Peter Murphy (GrangeHall Lofts, 6 Newbury St, Newburyport Ma). Seconded by the Peter Wolfe.

A. GRANGE

Grange Hall Lofts (GHL, LLC) proposes a historic renovation to the current structure located on Main St, Durham by developing two luxury student apartments and a 1200sf commercial/retail space on the first floor. GHL would invest \$275,000 for this historic renovation and build out. The project would house 12-13 students and fill a new for newly renovate, state of the art, off campus housing the in the downtown area as well as offer new retail space.

GHL, LLC proposed two options – one for a 15 yr lease (three 5 year options) and the other for a purchase price. Both options would preserve the existing paved walking path that connects the Mill Plaza and Main St.

After discussion, it is the consensus of the HDC to support the concept of moving the Grange building forward to the street line to maintain the streetscape. The HDC does not approve of the addition of a porch to the facade. Peter Stanhope moved that HDC accept this motion, Crawford seconded the motion. Motion accepted/carried

B. DEDICATED MEETINGS – The Commission discussed the need for dedicating the March meeting to THE COMMISSION'S ROLE AS HERITAGE COMMISSION.

IV. Old Business

A. Report on Smith Chapel restoration process

There is no word on when the restoration process will take place.

Andrea discussed the desire to use the old tiles as a fundraiser. Mike Lynch said that tiles will be the property of the Town and gathered in an off construction site area .

B. CLG grant

Andrea is working with Todd on the LETTER OF INTENT and will post an ad for a “qualified architectural historian” in Foster’s and on the Town website.

C. MPAC Update

No discussion . Leslie had to leave the mtg early.

V. Adjournment

Crawford moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p, seconded by Peter Wolfe.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Bodo, Secretary HDC/Heritage Commission
2/3/2011

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED 4/7/2011

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF HDC is Thursday March 3, 2011

“HERITAGE COMMISSION ROLE AND GUIDELINES “