

These minutes were approved at the October 6, 2011 meeting.

DURHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT /HERITAGE COMMISSION
Thursday September 1, 2011
DURHAM TOWN HALL -COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT, Leslie Schwartz, chair; Andrea Bodo secretary ; Richard Ozenich, Planning Board rep; Henry Smith, vice chair; Peter Stanhope ,Town Council rep;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eric Ingelfinger

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Renner, Robin Wunderlich and Mike Sievert

I. CALL TO ORDER by chair @ 7:05p

II. Approval of Minutes :

June minutes – minutes approved (Peter made motion to approve, Andrea seconded)

July minutes – deferred until October (Eric needed)

Revise agenda – swap item A & B - Andrea made a motion to approve : Peter seconded

III. NEW BUSINESS

B.(now agenda item A) APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL submitted by Geoff Sawyer, 27 Newmarket Rd for property located at 27-35 Newmarket Rd known as “Great Bay Kennel”, redevelopment project Tax Map 6- lots 11-7.

This project was submitted to the Planning Board and accepted as complete. Robin Wunderlich and Mike Sievert presented the proposed building designs and stated that the buildings were moved off the hill (current location of a temporary building) and down to the Historic District section of the property to mitigate the noise issues by facing the new kennel in to the hill. The proposed building to house the dogs will be 20 feet high and 60 feet long. There is a proposed house attached to this building.

After deliberation, the Commission felt that the proposed kennel structure did not fit in with the surrounding historic homes and the character of the Historic District. The Commission asked that the developers present new design structures for the kennel that might have more visual interest and present pictures of what these buildings would look like from the street view. This application for COA was tabled until the next mtg.

A. CHAIR’S REPORT – (now agenda item B)

GRANGE - An email concerning the GRANGE trademark was sent to Todd and it’s use on the Grange Building. Leslie will discuss this with Todd

Oct 31@ 7p-9p RIGHT TO KNOW info session @ Town Council Chambers – all members are encouraged to attend.

Leslie will be presenting the **HDC Annual Report** to the Town Council on Sept 26

C.OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Mill Pond

The Commission discussed crafting a letter to the Town Council to address the condition of the historic Mill Pond. Leslie will work on a letter to the Town Council. Andrea included a petition signed by around 75 concerned residents.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT

None of the members present had reviewed the Ordinance and are encouraged to do so for the next mtg.

Leslie will sit down with code enforcement officer

B. SMITH CHAPEL GRANTS

CLG grant \$6681.00 for National Register nomination has been awarded the Town.

DCR grant \$10k for stained glass windows was also awarded however there is some confusion about whether we might be qualified. Todd has turned the matter over to Gail Jablonski.

Leslie will review the Moose grant

Council on the Arts – the project was denied

C. OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Historic Markers –

Andrea will send a blurb in to the FRIDAY UPDATES with info on a historic house marker that she has obtained for #22 Newmarket Rd. This sign was found appealing by the HDC and Andrea will make the info available.

V. ADJOURNMENT @ 9 P

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

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Bodo, Secretary HDC/Heritage Commission
9/1/2011

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF HDC is Thursday OCTOBER 6, 2011