

Warren Voluntary Historic District Program Committee Meeting

Date: March 28, 2006

Location: Town Council Chambers Warren Town Hall

Members Present: R. Valente, J. DaSilva, E. Collins, P. Read, J. Treat

Members Absent: G. Gemp, E. Theberge

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April, 25, 2006

Called to Order: 7: 25 PM by Chairman Valente

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, acknowledging that no access was possible to the Documents stored in the Building Inspectors office.

In the matter of applicant, Ms. Louise Ornstien, after the second meeting where documents could not be reviewed in-group, John DaSilva moved to accept the application after review of documents on file, seconded by PMR and so voted.

The second applicant, Janice Oliver, had letters in file dated 5/24/04 and 2/28/06 reiterating policy of non-retroactive projects. A motion to continue was made by John Treat, seconded by John DaSilva,

approved.

Almost immediately Mrs. Oliver appeared having found her way into the building after several tries, and the issue was reopened – out of courtesy. The applicant showed pictures and supportive documents for the project. There would be original windows restored throughout the first floor and basement; these having been done by Scott Mattheson, Artisan. The second portion was done by Tavares Construction. Total cost of project under discussion, \$9,730. Motion to accept project made by Eileen Collins, seconded by John Treat. Discussion of retroactive approval denial. The issue was explained to the applicant. The process of application was explained. Applicant cited extenuating circumstances of length of project and difficulty in obtaining dates for workmen in this difficult period since companies are booked solid and workmen as well. One must take the date when it comes up through cancellation. Vote taken, one objection (John DaSilva) citing policy but asking that a certificate of appropriateness be issued for the project going forward to the State Historical Society. The motion passed. A second motion was made to get the original application from Michelle Maher General Valente will get the certificate and send the certificate to the applicant with the usual letter of approval.

Old Business

In the matter of the Commercial Property Tax Legislation and that the

WVHD definition of commission under Title 44 will stand as the legislation goes forward. The ability of this commission to give tax credits will be covered under Title 45.

New Business

Saturday, April 8, 2006, at the State Historic Preservation Conference, General Valente will be one of a panel explaining historic preservation commissions. And offering an alternative to the usual structured commission.

Website: John DaSilva reports no activity for the previous month.

Financial Report: No activity.

Status report: No activity.

John Treat moved to adjourn, seconded by Eileen Collins, meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia M. Read, Secretary Pro Tem.