

WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Sept 25, 2007 Meeting

Warren Town Hall , 2nd Floor

7:00 pm

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**Attendees: Richard J. Valente (RV), Edward J. Theberge (ET),
John DaSilva (JD), Patricia**

Read (PR), Eileen Collins (EC), John Treat (JT), Chris Fuller (CF)

Location: Town Council Chambers - Warren Town Hall

**Valente: Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM. Noted that no
access to Building Inspector's Office, and therefore no tape
recorder and files.**

Read: Noted she had a copy of the Casala application.

**Valente: Two applicants - > Casala and Blount. Pat Warwick is
also present, not on agenda.**

**Valente: Welcomed Pat Warwick in the absences of both Candy
Casala and Julie Blount.**

Warwick: Back at request of the Committee to review the panel

design of the porch.

Theberge: Questioned porch railing.

Warwick: Presented a picture of the railing in the back of the house. It will be simple and match the other posts. Proposing taking the back side off and matching it with the rest of the porch.

Valente: Is that the sum and substance of why she was returning?

Warwick: Yes, along with changes to the railing.

DaSilva: Questioned the structural support.

Valente: Good point.

Warwick: It will mirror the other side and the support will be hidden.

Valente: Any other questions? Question for the committee, not on the agenda. Her presence is as a result of approval at another meeting. Sees no problem with taking a vote on it. No objections. JT motion to approve as amended. 2nd by ET. Approved unanimously.

Warwick: Left pictures with the committee.

Valente: Welcomed Julie Blount.

Blount: Presented picture of the house as it used to be and would like to see it as again. House built in 1843, picture was from 1919.

She has 4 projects. Three are being presented tonight:

#1) Reclap east side of main portion of the house. Cover with Tyvek and put on new clap, paint front and east side and monitor. Start in two weeks.

#2) Restore and rebuild two existing chimneys.

#3) 3 car garage was added in 1920. Used to be a 2 story barn.

Plans to

re-side front of garage with all clap that matches the house. Other 3 sides, shipclap. Will start this week. Getting additional quotes.

Valente: Quotes for three projects:

#1. \$10,000 - \$11,000

#2. \$15,800 - \$16,400

#3. \$4,000

Total is \$31,400

Theberge: Advised Julie she may be eligible for state tax credit.

Blount: Has information already.

Valente: Asked for motion to approve application. Motion by PR, 2nd

by ET

DaSilva: ? on shed. Shed never had solid walls, always screen. It would be new construction, not restoring.

Theberge: John brings up a good point.

Valente: Motion to approve # 1 & # 2. PR, motion to eliminate shed and go with house and chimney. 2nd by ET.

Valente: Return to discussion on shed.

DaSilva: Is this restoration since shed was always screened in and did not have solid walls?

Blount: Building used to be a 2 story barn. Became a one story barn. Shed added in 1930.

Valente: Confirmed when shed was built, it was screened in.

Fuller: Since built in 1930, outside of 100 year eligibility

Valente: Work on the garage would be restoration, work on the shed would not be.

Valente: To summarize, estimate is \$4,000. We would like to see

expenses for shed stripped out of the \$4,000 and it would be approved. Motion to approve expenses associated with the garage. Motion by ET, 2nd by JD and approved unanimously.

Valente: Review of Candy Casala app. Skylight would not be eligible.

Fuller: Mentioned a Sold Sign on this property.

Valente: Since questions we have can not be answered, motion to postpone to next month's meeting. Motion by PR, 2nd by JT, approved unanimously.

Valente: Asked for a motion to approve Minutes from the August 28, 2007 meeting.

Motion by ET, 2nd by PR, approved unanimously.

Valente: Asked for a motion to approve Minutes from the September 11, 2007 meeting.

Motion by JD, 2nd by EC, approved unanimously.

Valente: Update on Financial Report

DaSilva: Only one voucher for this month -> \$100 secretary stipend. YTD expenses \$877.25. Future funds committed -> \$1,335.00. Under budget \$287.75

Valente: Status report update.

Ramos: Needs to add Warwick and Blount app. Questioned if Dalton app should be moved under closed since Nat Porter Inn Sold.

Collins: Business sold, not building.

Theberge: Is project completed? Looks like it.

Valente: Requested letters be sent to Dalton, Joe, Lial and Scott asking for update on project. If finished, need to come before committee and bring photos and back up so application can be completed.

DaSilva: Questioned if someone's criminal background is pertinent to our committee.

Treat: Motion to ask the Chairman to question the Town Solicitor if convicted felons are eligible for tax credit. 2nd by PR, 3 Pros, 2 Cons (RV & ET) - Approved.

Valente: Requested a letter be sent to the Solicitor asking if the Committee has an application that is a convicted felon, how should the Committee proceed?

Valente: Update on Demolition Ordinance.

Theberge: Update given.

DaSilva Suggested text should be given to the Solicitor for review.

Valente: Agrees.

Valente: Advised ET to make minor changes suggested tonight, bring to Fausto and get a final review. Motion by JT, 2nd by PR, passed unanimously.

DaSilva: Noted that there was a letter in the Building Inspector's Office from Mrs. McGee with her intention to sue based on denial of application and feels she was not given due process.

Valente: Asked that a copy of the letter be faxed to him.

Valente: Correspondence – Reviewed Committee member terms coming due. The members should call him and let him know of their intentions. Asked that attendance schedule be updated to reflect excused absences.

Read: Questioned if Committee was meeting with the Town Charter Review Committee.

Valente: Differing options. Letter was sent, ball is in their court.

Read: ET and PR joined a consortium for archiving historic documents. If you meet anyone with a collection of pictures, old records, etc. call the library.

Treat: Suggested a tombstone ad. Also brought up issue of tax error on the bill due to his tax credit being miscalculated and back payments are due. Mentioned it in case other applicants are faced with the same issue.

Valente: Motion to adjourn at 9:28pm. Motion by JT, 2nd by ET. Passed unanimously.

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