

WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of May 9, 2011 Special Meeting

Warren Town Hall, 2nd Floor

7:30 pm

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Attendees: Committee members: Edward Theberge, John DaSilva, Patricia Read, Chris Fuller, John Sheridan BG (Ret.) Richard J. Valente; 2nd Story Theatre CFO and General Manager Michael Abbruzzi

Absent: Committee member Eileen Collins

Location: Council Chambers, Warren Town Hall

1- Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

2- Review of Applicants

a. New Application

2nd Story Theatre

28 Market St.

CFO/Gen. Manager Michael Abbruzzi representing 2nd Story Theatre

Mr. Abbruzzi explained the project: Remove vinyl siding, insulation

and original clapboard and replace with red cedar pre-primed clapboard to the south and west sides of the building. Paint the restored exterior.

When asked he explained that those sides were chosen as they are most visible.

Mr. Theberge asked if any attempt would be made to salvage the original clapboard. Mr. Abbruzzi replied that in all likelihood it was too badly damaged. However, until the removal occurs “we don’t know what’s underneath.”

The cost is estimated at approximately \$52,600 but could be as much as \$60,000, he said.

He also detailed renovations that have already taken place to date such as a new roof, new windows, restoration of the cupolas, the addition of a sprinkler system, air conditioning and making the building handicapped accessible.

The plan is to start the project June 1. At that time, the theater will move its performances to the Courthouse in Bristol for six weeks. Hopefully, the work will be finished by the time they return after July 4.

Gen. Valente asked if there are plans to restore the front entrance. Mr.

Abbruzzi said he would ask Artistic Director and theater founder Ed Shea.

Mr. Theberge made a motion to approve the project as submitted with the following four stipulations:

- 1) Recommend that the pork chops (closed cornice returns) be removed, if feasible,**
- 2) Recommend that the front doors be placed with period style doors.**
- 3) Retain the original clapboard if it is salvageable**
- 4) Retain/restore any design under the CJC 3 sign**

Mr. Fuller seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6- Adjournment

Mr. Theberge made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. DaSilva. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.