

# **WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of December 13, 2011 Meeting**

**Warren Town Hall, 2nd Floor**

**7:30 pm**

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**Attendees: Edward J. Theberge, John DaSilva, Patricia Reed, Eileen Collins and John Sheridan**

**Absentees: BG (Ret.) Richard J. Valente**

**Location: Town Council Chambers, Warren Town Hall**

**1 - Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.**

**2 - New/Review Applicants**

**a. Final Review - Jeffrey Faria**

**22-26 Davis St.**

**Mr. Faria explained that the project cost more than the original estimate of**

**\$5,600 because there was more damage to the exterior than he thought. The new amount of**

**\$7, 426,52 includes the additional repairs. Mr. Faria is also seeking reimbursement**

**for the \$296 fee for a building permit.**

**Mr. Faria was told by the committee that the permit fee issue has been under discussion and**

**that it may be resolved by the end of the month. He was told to contact the secretary at that**

**time and she would let him know if he was eligible for reimbursement and how to obtain it.**

**Ms. Read made a motion to approve the \$7,426.52, seconded by Ms. Collins. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **3- Review of Minutes**

#### **November 22, 2011 Regular Meeting**

**Mr. Sheridan made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr.**

**DaSilva. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **4 - Old Business**

#### **a. Financial Report**

**Mr. DaSilva said the only expense this month is the secretary stipend. Motion to approve**

**payment made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Ms. Collins and passed unanimously.**

#### **b. Status Report**

**No change in status.**

## **5 - New Business**

**Mr. Sheridan reported on his conversation with Building Official William Nash regarding**

**permit fees, which the WVHDC contends should be waived for applicants, according**

**to the Town of Warren Ordinance. Mr. Nash said he supported the program.**

**After a lengthy discussion regarding what method should be used for reimbursement of**

**fees it was decided to use “certificates of appropriateness.”**

**Mr. Sheridan will consult the Building Official.**

**The committee discussed how to educate owners and applicants. Suggestions included**

**a sign in the Building Official’s Office, posters at realtors and trifold info bulletins.**

**On another matter, Ms. Collins strongly advised the committee to adopt the policy of the**

**Rhode Island Preservation and Heritage Commission which allows homeowners to apply for**

**State tax credits even if the work has started, or is finished.**

## **6 - Adjournment**

**Ms. Read made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Collins and passed unanimously.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.**