

WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 13, 2012 Special Meeting

Warren Town Hall, Senior Center

7:30 pm

Attendees: Brig. Gen. (ret.) Richard J. Valente, John DaSilva, Patricia Read, Eileen Collins, Steven Thompson, John Sheridan and Edward Theberge

Absentees: None

1- Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Valente at 7:30 p.m.

2- New Business

Review Proposed Expansion Plan – Blount Boats

461 Water St.

Chairman Valente told the committee that because the site is in the Waterfront Overlay District the Planning Board is seeking a recommendation from the WVHDC.

The proposed plan is to enlarge the existing building (original will actually be removed, but footprint used) and also erect a semi-permanent tent at the Water Street location.

Mr. Valente introduced Marcia and Julie Blount who presented the plan – to remove an existing structure and metal framework and replace with more modern insulated, larger structure to contain three bays.

The new building will be approximately 15 feet back from Water Street and expanded from the original to the south. It will have metal sides, a roof of like material, but seamed and smoother. The overall color will in all likelihood be an industrial metal gray, similar to what is there now, said Julie Blount. The exact material for the sides is yet to be decided, but may be galvanized steel or another type of material that could possibly have a baked enamel finish.

A second structure proposed will be a multi-purpose, semi-permanent tent which comes in three pieces and can be adjusted.

After discussing the plan and asking questions of the Blounts, the committee recommended that windows be installed on the Water Street side of the new metal building in order to maintain the character of the neighborhood and to minimize the building's "big box" appearance. Another interchange of ideas would be beneficial once the Planning and Zoning Boards hand down their rulings.

Following is the recommendation:

“The Committee finds the concept acceptable but recommends the appearance of the East wall (Water St. side) reflect a Marine Trades facility rather than a steel box.

The applicant has agreed to have the WVHDC approve the final rendition of the East wall after the appropriate committees have approved the project.”

The Planning Board meets Monday, Nov 19 at 7:00 p.m.

3- Adjournment

Mr. DaSilva made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sheridan The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.