

WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 26, 2013 Meeting

Warren Town Hall, 2nd Floor

7:30 pm

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Attendees: Patricia Read, Eileen Collins, Steven Thompson, Edward J. Theberge and John Sheridan

Absent: Brig. Gen. (ret.) Richard J. Valente and John DaSilva

Location: Planning Board Conference Room, Warren Town Hall

1. Meeting called to order at 7:39 p.m.

Vice Chairman Ed Theberge presiding

2. New/Review Applicants

a. Final review – Barbara Caniglia

43 Miller St.

Mr. Theberge opened the discussion by reviewing what had occurred during Ms. Caniglia's initial appearance before the committee in September, 2012. At that time she was told that a portion of the project that had already been started would not be eligible for historic tax credits under the program's rules and regulations.

However the painting (about \$3,000) and carpentry (about \$4,000)

portion of the project – not yet begun – was eligible.

That phase of the project now completed, Ms. Caniglia attended the meeting to submit her cancelled checks and paid receipts in the amount of \$7,869.93 and to answer any questions. Committee members commented on how attractive the house is with the new paint.

Ms. Collins made a motion to finalize the project for tax credits in the amount of \$7,869.93. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheridan and approved unanimously.

b. New application – John Chaney

172 Water St.

Mr. Chaney's project consists of exterior painting – the same color, he told the committee. The estimate amount is \$7,800. He said a second phase of the project will come later and involves windows and the front steps. However, he has yet to finalize those plans and obtain estimates.

Ms. Collins made a motion to approve the painting project at \$7,800 seconded by Mr. Thompson and passed unanimously.

3-Review of minutes

Discussion/Acceptance of January 24, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes postponed until the March 19, 2013 meeting

4. Old Business

- a. Financial Report and**
- b. Status Report**

Both reports were postponed until March due to the absence of Mr. DaSilva.

5. New Business

- a. Letters**

Mr. Theberge said both the letter to Mr. Hiram Jamiel regarding the house he owns at the corner of Main and Baker Streets and the letter to the Council proposing changes to the Demolition Ordinance were complete and ready to be signed. However, due to Chairman Valente's absence they would be returned to the secretary who will obtain the signatures.

In conjunction with the letter regarding changes to the Demolition Ordinance the committee briefly discussed an historic house at 5-6 Westminster Street which recently underwent total renovation preceded by the pulling down of a large portion of the original

structure.

Describing the process as “piecemeal,” Ms. Collins said she called CRMC who said they did receive an application for the work from the Town of Warren. But the CRMC did not follow up and present the application to the RI Preservation & Heritage Commission. The house now is not in keeping with the other homes on the street which has some neighbors upset, said Ms. Collins.

6. Adjournment

Ms. Collins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sheridan. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.