

WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of May 21, 2013 Meeting

Warren Town Hall, 2nd Floor

7:30 pm

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Attendees: BG (Ret.) Richard J. Valente, Eileen Collins, John Sheridan, Edward J. Theberge, Steven Thompson and Patricia Read

Absent: John DaSilva

Location: Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Town Hall

1- Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

2- Review of Applicants

a. New – Paul Attemann and LeeAnn Herreid

65 Church Street

Mr. Attemann and Ms. Herreid described their proposed improvements to the committee. Those include replacing two existing kitchen windows with larger windows; replacing one existing living room window with two larger windows. Windows will be double-hung and painted. One of the windows will be recycled to replace a vinyl

window facing north. Total estimated cost: \$10,500.

Mr. Theberge made a motion to approve the application as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Read. The approval was unanimous.

b. New – Jeffrey Faria

24 Greene Street

Mr. Faria explained that the proposed project consists of repairing the underpinnings of the porch which will entail ripping up boards to investigate and strengthening the supports. The committee was concerned about Mr. Faria's plan to use Trex decking to replace the tongue and groove Douglas fir decking there now. They recommended replacing the decking in kind. Mr. Faria agreed to so.

Mr. Theberge made a motion to approve the application as submitted, contingent on the elimination of the plan for Trex decking for original materials, seconded by Ms. Collins. The motion passed unanimously. Total estimated cost: \$11,000.

c. New – John Chaney

172 Water Street

Mr. Chaney told the committee he plans to repair the front stairs using the same elements as he has used before and which were previously approved by the committee. Total estimated cost: \$1,850.

Mr. Theberge made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Collins. The motion passed unanimously.

3 - Review of Minutes

a. March 19, 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion to accept the above minutes as submitted made by Mr. Sheridan, seconded by Ms. Collins. The motion passed

b. April 16, 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion to accept the above minutes as submitted made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Sheridan. The motion passed

4- Old Business

a. Financial Report

b. Status Report

Financial and Status Reports were not presented due to the absence of John DaSilva.

c. Discussion/status house at Main and Baker street owned by Hiram Jamiel III

Mr. Sheridan reported on his contact with Building Official William Nash regarding the above. In order to initiate progress, he said he will contact the secretary regarding sending a new letter to Mr. Jamiel with copies to Mr. Nash and Town Manager Thomas D. Gordon.

Mr. Sheridan said he will also speak to the secretary about sending a letter to applicant Laurent Dallaire, 44 State Street, regarding a project update. The letter will also ask Mr. Dallaire to submit cancelled

checks/receipts on work done so far. The project is several years old and has never been finalized.

Mr. Theberge reported on his appearance at the Warren Town Council meeting where there was a discussion regarding proposed changes to the Demolition Ordinance. He said Town Solicitor Anthony DeSisto will set up a meeting with Mr. Theberge and Gen. Valente to “tweak” the ordinance. He said he is still waiting to hear from him.

Ms. Collins said she does not believe that the Council understands the “parameters of the National Historic District.” They believe, she said, that the proposed ordinance would make the ordinance uniform and consistent with the National Historic and Waterfront Overlay districts and houses in town that are more than 100 years old.

Mr. Theberge said that a marketing insert advertising the WVHDC program will be included in tax bills going out in July. He said the cost will be taken out of the 2013-2014 budget.

5- Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Sheridan. Motion unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32