

WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of June 18, 2013 Meeting

Warren Town Hall, 2nd Floor

7:30 pm

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

Absentees: John DaSilva and Steven Thompson

1 - Meeting called to order at 7:36 p.m.

2 - New/Review Applicants

None

3- Review of Minutes

a. May 21, 2013 – Postponed to July 16, 2013

4 - Old Business

a. Financial Report

b. Status Report

The Financial and Status Reports were moved to the July 16, 2013 meeting due to the absence of John DaSilva. Motion to postpone made by Ms. Collins, seconded by Mr. Theberge. Motion passed.

c. Demolition Ordinance Report

Gen. Valente said he and Mr. Theberge met with Town Solicitor Anthony DeSisto to discuss the proposed changes to the Demolition Ordinance, which was discussed at the June 11, 2013 Town Council Meeting. Gen. Valente explained that enacting changes to houses in the established Historic District could be easily accomplished; however, such is not the case with houses 100 years or older in other areas of town. Mr. DeSisto said that may require enabling legislation when the General Assembly reconvenes in the fall.

Penalties for non-compliance were also discussed. Ms. Collins said she was unsure if the penalty is \$500 a day or \$500 in total. Mrs. Read read the ordinance which did not reference a period of time. Mr. Theberge said he will email Mr. DeSisto to tell him the penalty issue is unclear and to ask for clarification.

d. Hiram Jamiel house at Baker and Main Streets

After considerable discussion, the committee decided that more effort is need to deal with the situation– the poor condition of the historic house at main and Baker Streets – and authorized Ms. Collins to speak to Town Manager Thomas Gordon about the lack of any follow up on the Town’s part.

e. Insert for tax bills

Mr. Theberge reported that he met with Town Planner Caroline

Wells to work through the wording of the insert. The Town Manager suggested that the Town Clerk's Office be referenced as the contact at Town Hall for inquiries.

5 - New Business

a. Status report to Town Council

The committee discussed following up on a suggestion from the Council to submit a status report for their review. The committee will ask Mr. DaSilva to update the report for a presentation at a future Council meeting.

6 - Adjournment

Mr. Theberge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Collins and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.