

WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of July 23, 2013 Special Meeting

Central Fire Station, 1 Joyce St.

7:00 pm

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

Location: Central Fire Station Meeting Room

1- Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Thompson recused himself from #2 – Discussion due to the proximity of his property to St. Mark's Church.

2- Discussion

a. Sale of St. Mark's Church on Lyndon Street

The committee discussed the recent update on the sale of St. Mark's Episcopal Church as reported in the local newspaper. It appears that there is a new buyer who does not plan to demolish any part of the historic structure. The previous potential buyers had planned to do so.

The discussion turned to the amended demolition ordinance currently under discussion/consideration by the Town Council. The WVHDC is

a supporter/submitter of the amended document. In light of the St. Mark's situation the committee discussed revising the amended document. A motion to keep the revised ordinance as is was defeated by a vote of 1 to 4. (Thompson recusal).

On a motion by Ms. Collins, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, the committee voted unanimously to strengthen the ordinance in order to factor in a structure's historical significance. (Thompson recusal)

3- Old Business

a. Secretary stipend.

Ms. Collins made a motion to pay the secretary's stipend for the months of May, June and July, 2013, seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.

4- Adjournment

Mr. Theberge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Collins. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.