

WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 18, 2014 Meeting

Warren Town Hall, 2nd Floor

7:30 pm

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

Absent: John Sheridan

Location: Council Chambers, Warren Town Hall

1 - Call to Order:

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

2 – New/ Review Applicants:

a. JARN Realty/Gob Shop – 465 Main St.

Application by the Gob Shop to replace their worn wood shingled mansard roof, updating the look with vinyl shingles in a Pacific Blue color. Chairman Valente suggested the most conservative blue as an alternative. They will also need to replace or reattach the sign which has fallen.

Discussion included concern about the use of vinyl which is against the historic district concept, but as this is not an historic building, it is not setting a precedent.

E. Theberge made the motion to approve the replacement of shingles with the color being charcoal gray and flagstone. It was seconded by E. Collins, and passed with PR voting against. A letter will be sent confirming the discussion and color suggestion.

b. Tony Guida – 165 Water Street

Mr. Guida requested tax credit for painting his house, garage, and fence with labor estimates from his contractor.

As this is a very straightforward job, E. Collins made the motion to accept, with S. Thompson seconding the motion. It was approved unanimously.

c. Patrick O’Connell/ PKO Marine – 341A Water Street

Waterfront Overlay Approval

Steven Thompson recused himself as a member of the Planning Board.

The request by PKO Marine to relocate its hauling and boat storage business to the Blount location was made by Mr. O’Connell. As it is

only a change of location and address with no building involvement, E. Collins made the motion to send the request to the Planning Board. It was seconded by E. Theberge and unanimously approved.

d. American Tourister Mill Overlay District Review – Phase II

A newly designed Phase II was presented by the developers. The new design is more related to the mill buildings. Balconies are now indented rather than appearing as overhanging. The architectural spirit is to complement the many buildings which will remain even though of different eras. There are openings for pedestrian passing to the water's edge. An issue was the color of window frames, with recommendation they be black aluminum, which is striking against brick.

Reference was made to the Waterfront Overlay District Development Plan Section 32-151 B 3 and C 2 with 8000 square feet imprint. The committee reviewed Section 32-151 C2 and Chairman Valente made the motion, with E. Theberge seconding it to approve the design for Phase II as presented. S. Thompson recused himself as he is a member of the Planning Board. The vote was unanimous.

3 – Minutes of February 28, 2014:

Clarification was made that WVHDC considers the American Tourister concept satisfactory, excluding Phase II. Also noted was EC and ST

recused themselves. A motion made by ET, seconded by EC to approve the minutes as amended was unanimously approved.

4 – New Business:

a. State Preservation Conference

S. Thompson spoke of the conference on April 26 and suggests a letter be sent to the Town Council to encourage participation. The Warren Preservation Society invites the WWHDC to a “meet and greet” at Simply Devine Thursday March 20 at 6:30 where the speaker will be Sarah Zurier on the Preservation conference. ST will draft a letter to the Town Council.

5 – Old Business: EC will submit a report in the future.

6 - Adjournment

ET voted to adjourn the meeting, seconded by ST and approved at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Gresh

Recording Secretary