

Minutes
Historic District Commission Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2015
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Road
7:00pm

Present: Members: Chair William Penn, Vice Chair Martha Ball, Claire McQueeny, and Dennis Riordan.
Absent: W. Douglas Gilpin, Jr., Mark Vaillancourt, and Michael Ballard. Teresa Chmiel, Administrative Assistant was present for the recording of the minutes.

Call to Order

Chair William Penn called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mr. Penn amended the agenda to accommodate Bill Padien's schedule.

Final Review:

Federal Properties of Rhode Island, Inc. Plat 5, Lot 11. Application by Allison Brown-Padien of the Old Post Office Bagel Shop to install a shutter fan.

Bill Padien business owner presented. Mr. Padien explained they would like to install a 12" fan to come out of the front of the building behind an existing sign. An existing sign will cover the twelve inch by twelve inch (12" x 12") shutter fan. The sign will be removed away from the wall approximately 2 1/2" to 3" with black PVC spacers to match the sign. The Commission thought this was a great solution on screening the fan.

Ms. McQueeny made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riordan, to approve the installation of a shutter fan for Plat 5, Lot 11, Federal Properties of Rhode Island based on the following findings of fact:

- The building is located within the Historic District, not yet a contributing factor;
- The approval is for the application from the Old Post Office Bagel Shop to screen a fan by moving out the old sign 2 1/2" to 3" from the wall;
- The existing sign will remain in the same location;

4 Ayes (Penn, Ball, McQueeny, and Riordan)

0 Nays

3 Absent (Vaillancourt, Gilpin, and Ballard)

Matters from the Public not on the Agenda

No public comment at this time.

Approval of April 20, 2015, May 6, 2015 and May 8, 2015 minutes.

The minutes were not ready for review, no action was taken.

Correspondence

Receipt of a thank you letter dated May 19, 2015 from Nathan and Kara Stinnett.

The Commission received a thank you letter dated May 19, 2015 from Nathan and Kara Stinnett. The Stinnett's thank the Commission for consideration and approval for an application to install a fence. They received approval at the May 18, 2015 meeting to install a fence at the Block Island Power Company to provide safety measures for their children.

Signs:

Island Enterprises, Inc. Plat 7, Lot 34-1. Application by Frank DiBiase, Jr. of Island Entertainment Inc. to install a new sign.

The applicant did not have a complete application, no action was taken.

Island Enterprises, Inc. Plat 8, Lot 84. Application by Frank DiBiase, Jr. of Spring House Hotel to install a new sign.

The applicant did not have a complete application, no action was taken.

Overlook Realty, LLC. Plat 19, Lot 3. Application by Cameron Greenlee of Elevation Studio for an A-frame sign and menu board.

Cameron Greenlee of Elevation Studio presented. The applicant submitted a photograph showing the location of the proposed menu board along with a photograph of an existing A-Frame as well as the location of the sign. Mr. Greenlee acknowledged that Marc Tillson brought it to his attention that the A-Frame has not received approval. The A-Frame sign is currently being placed on the lawn by West Side Road. The proposed menu board will be located at the top of the landscape staircase as shown in the photograph. He further explained the business is located in a secluded place his wish is to bring in more customers from the Champlin side.

Mr. Penn made a motion, seconded by Ms. McQueeny, to approve an A-frame sign and menu board for Plat 19, Lot 3 Overlook Realty, LLC based on the following findings of fact:

- The building is located within the Historic District, but not a contributing building; and
- The total area of the proposed sign is less than the maximum allowable number of square feet permitted, as required under Section 504 of the Zoning Ordinance.

