New Bedford Historical Commission

August 3, 2015 – 6:00 PM - **Minutes**
Ashley Room, City Hall, 133 William Street New Bedford, MA

Members Present:
Diana Henry, Chairman
Bill King, Vice Chairman
Janine da Silva
James Lopes
Jill Maclean
Corey Pacheco

Members Absent:
Bill Barr
Keri Cox

Secretary:

Janine da Silva for Anne Louro

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1. Call to Order:
   D. Henry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., confirming a quorum. The Chair indicated that J. Lopes would serve in the primary Historical Organization position held by the absent K. Cox.

2. Approval of Minutes:
   The Chair indicated that the minutes are not yet prepared and will be available for vote at the September meeting.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:

- **92 Kilburn Street…demolition request**
  Steve Giosa of SITEC, 449 Faunce Corner Road, Dartmouth, MA represented the applicant. The application is for the demolition of a boiler room and smokestack at the Grinnell Manufacturing Co. mill complex. The applicant plans to add additional parking to the site once the structures are demolished. There is asbestos in the roof materials and within the boiler unit. The structure has fallen into disrepair.

  A motion to open the public hearing was moved by B. King and seconded by J Maclean. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
  Public comments in favor: None
  Public comments recorded in favor: None
  Public comments not in favor: None
  Public comments recorded not in favor: None

  A motion to close the public hearing was moved by J. Lopes and seconded by J. Maclean. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
  NBHC members discussed the historical significance of the structure and that the smokestack is one of a few survivors in the city that demonstrates the history of mills in New Bedford. NBHC members asked the applicant if the boiler room and smokestack can be documented for the record and the applicant agreed to do so.

A motion to send a recommendation to the City Council finding the boiler room and smokestack at 92 Kilburn Street historically significant and not preferably preserved was moved by C. Pacheco and seconded by B. King. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0

B. King	**yes**
J. da Silva	**yes**
J. Lopes	**yes**
J. Maclean	**yes**
C. Pacheco	**yes**

4. Old Business:
   70 N. Second Street granite pyramids
   The Chair inquired about the status at 70 North Second Street and the removal of the "cannonballs." Ms. da Silva stated that the Secretary had contacted the property owner about the situation, but had no further information. The Chair asked that a letter be sent to the property owner.

5. New Business:
   Ms. da Silva informed NBHC members that she has been approved for a detail to another National Park and will be unable to serve for four months. Superintendent Meghan Kish will serve in her place.

6. Communications:
   None

7. Date of Next Meeting: The next regular commission meeting was scheduled for 09.14.15.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was moved by J. Maclean and seconded by B. King. All voted in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine da Silva
Acting Secretary to the commission
Approved: 09.14.15