



# *New Bedford Historical Commission*

September 19, 2016 – 6:00 PM - **Minutes**

Room 314, City Hall, 133 William Street New Bedford, MA

## ***Members Present:***

Diana Henry, Chairman  
Bill King, Vice Chair  
Bill Barr  
Janine da Silva  
James Lopes

## ***Members Absent:***

## ***Secretary and City Planning Staff:***

Anne Louro, *Preservation Planner*

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### Call to Order:

D. Henry called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### Roll Call:

A formal roll call was conducted confirming a quorum of the members present as stated above. The Chair indicated that B. Barr would serve in the primary historical organization position.

### Public Hearings:

#### **Motion to take from the table CASE#2016.18 - 72 N Water Street (Map 53 Lot 68) Certificate of Appropriateness:**

**Exterior rehabilitation.** Moved by J. da Silva and seconded by B. Barr.

#### **Motion carried.**

A. Louro stated that the members had before them, an amended application, which was in response to their concerns regarding the proposed signage reviewed on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Jorge Figueiredo, Mount Vernon Group Architects, apologized to the Commission for his inability to attend the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at which time the application was reviewed by the Commission. He stated that A. Louro had relayed to him the Commission's questions and concerns related to the proposed signage and he went on to describe the modifications to the application in response to those concerns.

Mr. Figueiredo noted that the top component of the ground sign had been reduced from 30 square feet in area to 15 square feet, and all of the signage was painted medium density fiberboard, painted black with white lettering. The N Water Street building blade sign, which was initially dimensioned as 4' by 6', had been reduced to 3' by 3' in size, and that the parking lot signage was changed from black background with white lettering to black background with gold

lettering.

In response to B. King, Mr. Figueiredo stated that he did not believe that additional sign components would be added to the ground sign in the future due to the configuration of the building and code requirements.

In response to J. da Silva, Mr. Figueiredo confirmed that all of the building signage was carved and painted, and that the ground sign components consisted of painted medium density fiberboard.

In response to B. King, Mr. Figueiredo confirmed that the N Water Street entry door was planning to be replaced as indicated in the plan, and that workers were sanding and painting the door as an interim measure only.

**MOTION to open the public hearing.** Moved by B. Barr and seconded by J. da Silva.

**Motion carried.**

*There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the petition, nor in opposition to the petition.*

**MOTION to close the public hearing.** Moved by B. King, and seconded by J. da Siva.

**Motion carried.**

Members expressed their pleasure regarding the modifications to the signage and noted a condition to change the color of the ground sign posts from the presented white to the color black.

**MOTION to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the exterior rehabilitation for 72 N Water Street with the proposed modifications to signage, and with the condition that the ground sign posts be painted black.** Moved by J. da Silva and seconded by B. Barr.

**Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Adjourn

**There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was moved by J. da Silva and seconded by B. King. The motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING Monday, October 3, 2016

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Louro

Secretary to the Historical Commission

Preservation Planner

*Approved: 11.05.16*