



New Bedford Historical Commission

November 3, 2014 – 6:01 PM - **Minutes**
133 William Street, New Bedford, MA

Members Present:

Diana Henry, Chairman
Bill King, Vice Chair
Bill Barr
James Lopes
Anne Louro

Members Absent:

Jill Maclean
Corey Pacheco
Keri Cox

Secretary:

Janine da Silva

1. Call to order:

D. Henry called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., confirming a quorum. The Chair indicated that A. Louro will serve for the City Planner, B. Barr will serve in the National Park Service position and J. Lopes would serve in the local preservation organization position.

2. Approval of minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the 10.06.14 meeting was moved by J. LOPES and seconded by B. BARR. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Hearings:

23 Centre Street...new signage

Neil Weiss, 1310 Tucker Road, Dartmouth, presented the application for the new signage. The signs were last replaced about 15 years ago. The applicant wants to add a small sign stating "Fiber Optic Center" under the Kaller Beef sign. The applicant would like to seek a replacement for the New Bedford Preservation Society sign.

A motion to open the public hearing was moved by B. KING and seconded by J. LOPES. 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 B. KING and seconded by B. BARR. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the application and grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for the new signage at 23 Centre Street as presented was moved by B. KING and seconded by B. BARR. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0.

J. LOPES – yes

A. LOURO – yes

B. KING – yes

B. BARR – yes

Custom House Square...art installation

Noelle Foye, Executive Director of the NB Art Museum/Artworks!, 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, presented the application. This is the third year for the exhibition. One piece of the exhibition is a community participation event. This event draws the community together and is a temporary exhibit lasting only one month. Installation designed not to damage trees or structures.

A motion to open the public hearing was moved by B. KING and seconded by J. LOPES. 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 B. KING and seconded by J. LOPES. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the application and grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for the temporary art installation at Custom House Square as presented was moved by B. BARR and seconded by J. LOPES.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0.

J. LOPES – yes

A. LOURO – yes

B. KING – yes

B. BARR – yes

4. New Business:

No New Business was discussed and no motions were made at this time.

5. Old Business:

Review of year's applications.

New Bedford Historical Commission vacancies

Discussion of possible candidates.

Violation letters

70 North Second Street – Kit Wise spoke to the Chair and asked to present the application at the November meeting. Mr. Wise did not appear at the meeting; NBHC staff will contact him and ask for a written application to be submitted for the December meeting.

72 North Water Street – NBHC staff will contact the property owner regarding an “open” sign on the corner of Route 18 and Elm Street.

Carl Simmons request

J. Lopes sent an email to K. Espinola and received a response. A. Louro spoke to C. Simmons about his request; Mr. Simmons just wants access to city records, not private property. NBHC members discussed the request and will wait for an update from the City Solicitor.

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NBHC members asked that a new application be submitted to see a material sample of the sign, the application fee will be waived.

A motion to request the property owner to submit a new application for the modified signage on the building was moved by B. BARR and seconded by B. KING. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

No additional Old Business was discussed and no motions were made at this time.

6. Communications

7. The next regular commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 1, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at 133 William Street, New Bedford.

8. **There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was moved by J. LOPES and seconded by B. KING. All voted in favor and the motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.