

CITY OF LACONIA HERITAGE COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 - 5:00 PM
City Hall - Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
Draft Minutes

3/9/2022 - Minutes

1. Call to order

Jane Whitehead called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Salute to the flag

The commission saluted the flag.

3. Roll call

Mark Haynes, Lois Kessin, Catherine Tokarz, Chair Jane Whitehead, and Scott Ringer were present.

4. Recording secretary

Mackenzie Theberge

5. Staff in attendance

Planning Director Dean Trefethen

6. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting

6.1. Acceptance of Minutes for February 9

L. Kessin recused herself as she was not present at the previous meeting.

C. Tokarz made a motion to accept the minutes, S. Ringer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

7. City Council Liaison Report

M. Haynes briefly discussed that there will be a new outlined procedure for applicants who want to serve a board or committee. M. Haynes discussed that they want it to be more informal and comfortable for the applicants.

M. Haynes also mentioned that the council will be looking for input from the residents and what they would like to see in the new City Manager. They are looking for replacement in around July or August. Municipal Resources is doing advertising and screening for the candidates.

8. Planning Board update

D. Trefethen briefly explained that he has been in contact with the owners of the Lakeside property. They still plan on demolition, and they will notify the commission when they plan to do so. So far they have done the Asbestos and lead paint reports but there is no timeline.

D. Trefethen also mentioned that there has been a lot of redevelopment within the city which will lead to more interest of some demolition requests on buildings that are around fifty to eighty years.

C. Tokarz asked if there has been any movement on the 743 Union Ave building that is on sale. C. Tokarz believes the interior is passed its prime and would be a great spot for parking.

D. Trefethen is not aware if there has been any movement.

9. New business

9.I. NH Preservation Award Nominations

J. Whitehead discussed that she would like to nominate the Colonial, the C.A.K.E. building, and the Opera House. J. Whitehead had asked the commission to get in contact with the owners.

S. Ringer explained that he contacted the owners of the Colonial and they are excited and have already submitted their application in February. S. Ringer tried to contact Wendy at the C. A. K. E. building but there is no update.

C. Tokarz sent the application to Mike Lokken for the Opera House. Mike Lokken had forwarded the application to Scott and Tim Everett and they are excited about the nomination.

J. Whitehead mentioned that the commission can write a letter of support for the nominations. S. Ringer said he would be able to write the letters for the Colonial and the Opera House as long as he is provided bullet points from the commission. M. Theberge will be able to provide the letter head for the letters.

10. Old business

10.I. Regional Heritage Workshop

J. Whitehead discussed that she and Tara Shore would like to do another workshop. The commission would like to do a work session so there is no need for a quorum, and to invite more guests.

11. Public comment

There was no comment from the public.

12. Other business

C. Tokarz has been in contact with Mae Williams to expand the historic resource survey and is waiting for her reply. The commission agreed to get a timeline and budget as soon as possible.

J. Whitehead would like to know what Mae Williams meant about the different format. She would also like to know how does this overlap what was done in 1982 and who would have access.

C. Tokarz will find out when she gets in contact with her.

13. Adjournment

L. Kessin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, S. Ringer seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.