

CITY OF LACONIA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
6:30 PM City Hall - Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
Accepted February 22, 2022

1/25/2022 - Minutes

1. Call to order

Chair Tara Shore called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

2. Roll call

Members present: Sonya Misiaszek, Hillary Martin, Karl Reitz, Charlie St. Clair, Laurel Heywood, Tara Shore

Absent: Mark Haynes

3. Recording secretary

Kalena Graham

4. Staff in attendance

Planning Director Dean Trefethen

5. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting

5.I. Acceptance of minutes from October 26

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

6. Public comment

7. Applications & Public Hearings: *The purpose of this agenda section is for the Commission to have a presentation from the applicant and open a Public Hearing for the public to provide input. The Board may also deliberate the application, decide and conduct a final vote at this time.

8. New business

8.I. Confirm canvas dates: who is attending when, determine what we will say and share

The Commission went over the canvas dates and decisions were made on who would do each day. C. St. Clair suggested some of the members go to the Downtown TIF meeting on February 8 at 8:30 am at City Hall. He also noted that he can be on call for any of the canvas dates during the week if needed. Chair T. Shore hopes that not all the days will be needed and intends to be there for all the days out.

8.II. Discussion about Certified Local Governments

Chair T. Shore feels getting certified is doable but support by Council is needed. The Dept of Historical Resources will train. Planning Director D. Trefethen said that will be a discussion with Council when the ordinance is discussed. K. Reitz noted that the Heritage Commission wants to help in any way they can. The Commission also discussed inviting some of the Heritage Commission members to join in the canvassing of downtown.

8.III. Discussion about joining forces with LHMS and Heritage Commission

Chair T. Shore and K. Reitz met with other towns HDC's and Jennifer Goodwin from NHPA recently. All three of Laconia's organizations are in favor to work together on an education plan. C. St. Clair had concerns that Council will wonder why the City has so many organizations doing the same thing and wondered if they should be worried. Planning Director D. Trefethen didn't know but noted that who does what needs to be redefined. Chair T. Shore suggested a panel discussion with this Commission, Heritage Commission and the Historical Society on that so the public can join in discussion. She feels the HDC educates on what they do and the Historical Society does the why. She noted that a lot of good ideas came from the other communities at that meeting. Planning Director D. Trefethen noted that anyone can go to the Heritage Commission meeting any time they want and discussed the quorum rules if they did that.

9. Old business

9.I. Update with Jim Belcher and logo branding

K. Reitz has been keeping Jim Belcher up to speed with what is going on. The commission asked if J. Belcher could bring in 2-3 logo options for the February 22 meeting and K. Reitz said he will pass the request along and assured he could be there.

9.II. Update on education plan

9.III. Update on status of subcommittee

Planning Director D. Trefethen spoke with the City Manager regarding the subcommittee and the fact that nothing has come of it since fall and was told he would reach out to the Chair again. Chair T. Shore mentioned that she had sent Council Soucy and email and has had no response. Her thought was to nudge him. C. St. Clair offered to call Councilor Soucy.

10. Other business

C. St. Clair is trying to keep an eye throughout the country where people are fighting to preserve history. He brought in an article about a grain barn in Buffalo NY that was saved.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM

Respectfully,

K. Graham