

Historic District Commission
Minutes

March 26, 2014 10:30 am (1030)
Old Town Hall

Present: Gail Pare, Chairman; John Lamson; Paul Pelletier
Missing: Elaina D'Orto; Jan Stuart, BOS
Guest: Melissa Prefontaine, LL Trustees Chairman, Cindy Gunn

Approved minutes of 02/26/14

Correspondence (Attached)

Reviewed the CLG third quarter report on the 2013 - 14 project
Reviewed the letter of intent to apply for a 2014 - 15 CLG Grant

Old Business -

- Library addition
 - Discussion of project nearing completion
 - Need to finalize trim - where to paint
 - Need to finalize historic roadway surface of compactable gravel
 - Historic Roadway to be 6 feet wide
 - Existing building vs new addition - note three existing doors
 - Exterior ceilings over doors - dog house and new entrance
 - P.Pelletier moved, J.Lamson 2nd, to approve beadboard in a matching light color for both doorways. Unanimous
 - Doors
 - Existing front entrance
 - P.Pelletier moved, J.Lamson 2nd, to keep the existing front vestibule glass style (side lights and door panes), door to be real wood. Unanimous
 - Three doors on existing building (front, back, and discontinued)
 - P.Pelletier moved, J.Lamson 2nd, to keep all three doors in wood painted a matching dark color. Unanimous
 - Trim on existing and new building
 - Discussion of colors: bronze, green, gray, white
 - M.Prefontaine reported on investigating the paint colors on and existing exterior window
 - She found many layers of green similar to the current color, a layer of very dark green/black, and several layers of varnish
 - HDC got in touch with Peter Michaud of NHDHR via phone for advice
 - He noted that the existing green is typically used in brick buildings of the same era as the Langdon Library
 - He recommended at least keeping to a color previously used on the building trim for the existing building

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- He did not like using the bronze color for the existing building as it had no historic precedent - the storm window frames are too recent an addition
- He agreed that using the dark green, which seems to be Williamsburg Waller Green, would be a good compromise
- P.Pelletier moved, J.Lamson 2nd, to use a dark green trim color on the existing library, with either bronze or the same green on the new addition. Library Trustees may choose. Unanimous
- Sidewalks
 - Discussion of the various sidewalks around the building
 - HDC has no objection to a gravel path from the parking lot to the fields
 - HDC previously approved a paved walk to the dog house
 - Library Trustees to decide whether concrete or asphalt
 - Historic roadway to remain in place - modified for size and surface
 - HDC reaffirmed previous vote to require the historic roadway
 - Parking
 - G.Pare handed out a page on "grass paver"
 - HDC agreed that such a system would not be part of the library project
 - Consider reinforced grass for extra parking areas
 - HDC opposes typical striping the parking lots
 - HDC would like to review various layouts for Meeting House lot parking
- Historic District Sign
 - C.Gunn will contact Portsmouth Sign about working on the Historic District sign
 - HDC to develop proposal then present to the other town committees

Next Meeting Tuesday, April 15

Schedule trip to Hawkrigde Estate with Parker River Office (Great Bay Wildlife Refuge)

Meeting adjourned 12:54 pm (1254)

Respectfully submitted

Gail Pare, Acting Secretary