

**Historic Preservation Advisory Commission Meeting
Regular Meeting of July 18, 2011 7:00 pm**

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission took place on the above date. Vice Chairman Harry Kaplan read the Open Public Meeting Act and requested Board Secretary Mrs. Citterbart call the roll. Board Secretary Citterbart stated there was a quorum.

FLAG SALUTE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Steinberg, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Elvidge, Mrs. Schulte, Ms. Best, Mr. Becker

EXCUSED: Mr. Wright, Mr. Read,

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

June 20, 2011

Ms. Best made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Schulte seconded the motion.

AYE: Mr. Steinberg, Mr. Kaplan, Mrs. Schulte, Ms. Best, Mr. Becker

APPLICATIONS

HPC-11-2011- JHM Signs – Block 715, Lot 7 – 40 Park Place

Applicant is requesting a wood composite 36" x 36" double sided hanging sign to be attached over front door with black wrought iron bracket.

Tabled until August 22, 2011.

HPC-12-2011 – Town of Newton – Spring Street, Moran Street, Park Place

Applicant requesting the placement of wayfinding signs in the Town of Newton to direct people to parking downtown and shopping.

SWORN: Cory Stoner, Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Town Engineer, and Debra Millikin, Deputy Town Manager, Town of Newton.

Kenneth Jaekel, Department of Public Works Supervisor, Town of Newton.

Mr. Stoner stated: We are here tonight to go over the installation of the wayfinding signs around the Town of Newton.

Mr. Stoner described the proposed signs to the downtown area. He reviewed the different signs and the location of the signs. He gave a description of how the signs will look.

Mr. Stoner stated: One of the recommendations from Level G was to get a consistent sign type so when people are coming into the downtown area they are all looking at the same type of signs.

Mrs. Millikin stated: There will be 14 signs in the Historic District.

Mr. Becker asked: Will the signs be mounted onto the existing poles?

Mr. Stoner stated: No. They will all have new poles.

Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Becker concerned with visibility.

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Mrs. Schulte concerned with a clustered look after you get the bikes rakes, fido houses, benches flags and now signs.

Mr. Stoner stated: I think after everything is laid out, things will be shifted so you don't get a clustered look.

Mr. Becker asked: I would like to see a change in the signs. The wording should read Historic downtown Newton.

Mr. Elvidge had a question about parking?

Mr. Stoner gave an explanation.

Mrs. Schulte asked: Where is the funding coming for this?

Mr. Stoner stated: It is coming from the capital budget ordinance.

Mrs. Millkin stated: It is part of the implementations of the circulation plan that was completed about 2 years ago. We are trying to implement some of the recommendations from that plan.

Mr. Becker opened this portion of the meeting up to the public.

Wayne McCabe asked: What color will signs be?

Mr. Stoner stated: Blue and White.

With no public coming forward, the public portion was closed.

Mr. Becker made a motion to accept the application with the change to add the word historic into wording on the signs. Ms. Best seconded the motion.

AYE: Mr. Steinberg, Mr. Kaplan, Mrs. Schulte, Mr. Becker

DISCUSSION

Draft of Historic Ordinance

Mr. Stoner stated: I would not count on the 45 days, if you have any objections you should send it to the Planning Board.

Mrs. Schulte asked: If they do approve this with the alternate materials, what happens to our status with the state?

Mr. McCabe stated: This has to be sent down to the state to make sure it complies with the requirements of Section 106.

Mrs. Schulte stated: Ms. Best and I read through this and recommended many changes.

Discussion ensued on the draft of the Historic Ordinance.

Mr. Steinberg will go to the Planning Board meeting.

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Discussion on Section 106 ensued.

Mr. Wayne McCabe gave an overview of what is on the register. What the Commission has to do is review the inventory that is on Grubb's report then state whether you agree or disagree with the analysis of his report.

Mr. Stoner will scan the inventory and the worksheets and give them to Mrs. Citterbart.

Mr. McCabe stated: This is a matter of an obligation that you have.

Discussion ensued on the impact.

Mr. McCabe stated: You want to look at the history, the significant statements and the description in the front to make sure they are right.

Mr. Elvidge stated: It is right to do the review and make the comments but I think it has little impact historically.

Mr. Stoner stated: They are talking about two things in this report. They are talking about the historic preservation and also the archeological resources.

Mr. McCabe stated: You want to do your test pits where you think you might get a result that will show you something. The archeologist is responsibility for making the determination of how often they are going to do the testing.

Discussion ensued on the houses being taken down and what is needed from the Commission in order to do this letter.

PUBLIC PORTION

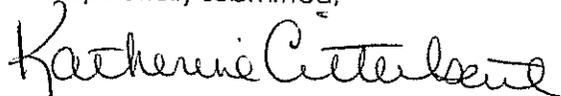
No public came forward. Public portion closed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kaplan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Schulte seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned with a unanimous "aye" vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on August 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Citterbart
Historic Board Secretary