TOWN OF GILMANTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION ACADEMY BUILDING THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019 – 7 PM

MINUTES

Present: Chair Ernie Hudziec, Marshall Bishop (Selectmen's Rep), Matt

Grasberger, Allison Hooker

Absent: Roy Buttrick

Also present: Annette Andreozzi (Land Use Admin.)

Chair Hudziec opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

General Public comments

There were none.

New Business

Request for support for an LCHIP grant application to restore Lower Gilmanton First Baptist Church. Paula Gilman presented the request.

Ms. Gilman said that they need letters of support from the community for the grant application.

Ms. Susan Kelley Leclerc said the church is not in an historic district, but is listed on the national register of historic places.

MOTION

Mr. Grasberger moved to write a letter of support to LCHIP for the Lower Gilmanton First Baptist Church.

Seconded by Mr. Bishop.

Motion was approved unanimously.

There was some discussion about the condition of the church.

Complaint of too many AND not approved signs on the Café, 518 Province Road, Pensco Trust, owner, map/lot # 127/37. A wood sign on the building & a wood sign on Route 140 were approved by HDC. There are in addition 2 flags, a sign on the window, and 2 plastic banners not approved.

Mr. Hudziec said everyone knows the Café serves food. They don't need so many food signs.

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Mr. Bishop said they should get a DOT highway sign.

Mr. Hudziec said the HDC does not initiate proposals for a property owner. He said a letter should be written reminding them of the sign ordinance. If they would like to bring alternate suggestions to the HDC they could make an application.

Mr. Grasberger said the letter should say the banner must come down.

Mr. Hudziec stated that the set of signs visible are not what was approved by the HDC.

The consensus of the Commission was that a letter would be written expressing the above concerns.

Discussion re the Pub sandwich board sign

After reviewing a picture of the sign and the HDC regulations, if was the consensus of the Commission that the sandwich board doesn't meet the regulations and a letter should be sent asking for the sign to conform to the regulations, be removed, or an application be made to the HDC.

The Chair asked staff to email Ms. Bore, thanking her for addressing the signs.

Joint workshop on July 25

There will be a joint workshop meeting with Mr. Bishop representing the BOS, Mr. Hudziec rep for HDC, and representatives of ZBA and Planning on July 25, 2019 if there are no HDC applications.

Approval of Minutes - May 23, 2019

Motion by Mr. Bishop to accept minutes as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Hooker.

Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business.

Mr. Bishop asked if the HDC had any concerns with the old town hall. He said the heating was costing the town too much, but it is structurally sound. The BOS will be putting a warrant article on the ballot for direction of what to do with the building.

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Mr. Grasberger moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Bishop. All in favor.

Adjournment at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted, Annette Andreozzi Land Use Administrator