

HERITAGE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2024

The Heritage Commission held its regular monthly meeting at Council Chambers, 37 Green Street, Concord, New Hampshire, on Thursday, January 4, 2024.

Attendees: Chairman Richard Jaques, Vice Chair Jim Spain, Members Dr. Bryant Tolles Jr., Mike Dunn, Councilor Jennifer Kretovic and Alternate Althea Barton

Staff: Heather Shank, City Planner

1. Call to Order and Seating of Alternates

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jaques at 4:33 p.m. Mr. Spain made a motion to seat MS. Barton, Dr. Tolles seconded; all in favor, motion passed.

2. Approval of Minutes

Councilor Kretovic motioned to accept with minor revisions, Dr. Tolles seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

3. New Business – Nothing to report.

4. Demolition Review Committee – Mr. Spain reported on the two buildings at the bottom of Penacook Street, which were purchased by Irving Oil. The buildings have been empty for about 4 years. The DRC approved the demolition at that time. The windows were boarded over and items have been removed. Ms. Barton asked for clarification on which buildings were being demolished.

5. Heritage Sign Program – Carol Brooks – Nothing to report.

6. Planning Board Update – Heather Shank - Nothing to report.

7. Council Update – Councilor Kretovic – Councilor Kretovic shared that the Phenix block variance request was denied by the ZBA. Also, in December the City received an \$18,000 grant from the NH Council on the Arts to improve the clock tower on Eastman Street.

8. Old Business

- a) Magnificent Ten – Chairman Jaques scheduled a meeting for February 15, at 4 pm. Ms. Barton shared that the Wolfboro Preservation Awards might be a helpful resource to get ideas from. She will share it with the group.
- b) Gas Holder Building – Ms. Barton stated there is no update.
- c) Website – Nothing to report.
- d) Monuments & Granite Markers – Nothing to report.
- e) Norris Mansion – Mr. Spain summarized the Concord Monitor article in which Steve Duprey shared his intent to save the building.
- f) CSX Tower – Mr. Spain got an email from CSX about 8 weeks ago indicating they're still reviewing.

9. Any other business to come before the Commission

- a) Mr. Spain wanted to share that he will be featured on WMUR on NH Chronicle.
- b) Ms. Barton shared that a booklet is available at the NH Preservation Alliance written by Elizabeth Durfee-Hengen.
- c) Ms. Shank stated that she found the 2013 files for the Binny Media satellite application and

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would share the minutes with the group.

- d) Correspondence – None
- e) Attendance – All present stated that they would be at the February 1st meeting.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Spain motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Jaques. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather R. Shank, AICP
City Planner