

# NASHUA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Monday, April 25, 2016 6:30 p.m. – Room 208, City Hall

## *Members:*

Robert Sampson  
Ald. David Schoneman  
Robert Vorbach  
Edward Weber  
Chris Barrett  
Steve Edington

## *Also present:*

Carrie Schena, Manager, Urban Programs Department  
Carter Falk, AICP, Deputy Planning Manager, Planning Department

**Note: Audio file did not work for the meeting.**

## **MINUTES:**

February 22, 2016:

**MOTION** by Mr. Sampson to approve the minutes as presented, waive the reading, and place the minutes in the permanent file.

**SECONDED** by Mr. Barrett.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Todd Tousley (Owner) 4 Canal Street (Sheet 43 Lot 38) requesting approval to construct a 19'x25' deck expansion. D-1/MU Zone.**

Mr. Tousley stated that he received approval for the existing deck from the Commission back in 2014. He said that the deck will be 19'x25', and will be located adjacent to the other one. He said it will be approximately two feet tall, perhaps slightly less. He said that access will come from the entryway from Canal Street.

Mr. Tousley said that depending on how things go with the Building Department for the accessway into the building, the deck may be slightly re-arranged so that the main access is from the area near the apartments by Orange Street, and it would change the deck plans slightly.

The Commission said that they didn't mind it if there is a slight change to the deck, as long as it meets the Building Code.

**MOTION** by Mr. Barrett to approve the request, with the accessway going to the front door acceptable from either entrance.

**SECONDED** by Mr. Weber.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**DISCUSSION ITEM #1:**

**Carrie Schena, Manager, Urban Programs Department, City of Nashua**

Mrs. Schena said that at the February 22, 2016 HDC meeting, this case was discussed, with the intent on removing the structure at 42 Chestnut Street and constructing a new two-family building. She said that although the property is not located in the District, under the terms of the City's agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office, this plan needed input from the City's Historic District Commission.

Mrs. Schena said that the Commission had a favorable recommendation, and asked that the plan come back before them at the 50% design stage, and that has been submitted to the Commission. She said it will be a two-family structure, with the units stacked.

**Eric Moore, Harbor Homes.**

Mr. Moore described the look of the structure, and said it would have vinyl siding.

Mr. Vorbach stated that there is some very nice textured vinyl siding, and recommended that they go with that.

Ald. Schoneman asked if the windows would slide open horizontally, and said that a double hung vertically opening window may look better.

Mr. Moore said that they would be glad to look into both of these recommendations.

Mr. Sampson said that the Historic District Commission has reviewed the materials presented at our meeting on April 25, 2016, and is satisfied with the 50% design drawings. He suggested that the applicant move forward with the double-hung windows and the textured vinyl siding.

**DISCUSSION ITEM #2:**

**Potential expansion of Historic District Area:**

Mr. Falk showed the new map that was prepared by the GIS Department.

Ald. Schoneman suggested it should state "possible" instead of "proposed", because the word proposed sounds like it's going to be approved, when this is still in the discussion phase.

Ald. Schoneman said that he's talked to a few people who live in the area, and the initial reactions were mixed.

Mr. Falk said that he's spoken with Cail Bellavance, and she seemed to be positive about the inclusion of additional properties in the District.

Ald. Schoneman said that he is going to arrange a Ward meeting, and suggested that Mr. Falk and the Commissioners attend as well. He said he'd like to have a sheet of paper identifying the benefits of living in the District. He said he would get in touch with everyone once a date has been established with the time and place.

**DISCUSSION ITEM #3:**

**Historic District Signs:**

Mr. Falk said that the signs have been delivered, and they are in the Public Works Administrative Offices. He said that he went over there and saw the eight other signs that will go in the downtown, but the two historic signs were shipped in separate wooden boxes and didn't have the tools to open them. He said he would make arrangements to get over there during the week and open the boxes.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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