

Londonderry Heritage/Historic District Commission Meeting

JANUARY 27, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.

MOOSE HILL CONFERENCE ROOM

Approved Minutes

- I. Vice Chairman Art Rugg called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the absence of the Chairman. The following Commissioners were present: David Colglazier, John Mahon, Jim Butler, Art Rugg, Kristen Endyke, Sue Joudrey. Absent: Chairman Kryz Kenney and Alternate Commissioner Laura Schenkman. Staff: Associate Planner Laura Gandia.
- II. Approval of minutes from prior meeting: J. Butler made a motion to accept the minutes of November 18, 2021 as presented. S. Joudrey seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0-1.
- III. Design/Formal Review Applications:
 - A. Application for formal review of a site plan amendment for a change of use for equipment sales, rental and service, parking lot reconfiguration, outdoor display and storage areas, and associated site improvements, 2 Rebel Road & 345 Derry Road, Map 101 Lots 18 & 19, Zoned Business District B, Hudson, and 307 Nashua Road, Londonderry, Map 2 Lot 34A, Zoned C-II & RTE 102 POD, Bobcat of New Hampshire (Applicant) and Mal-Mar, LLC (Owner) - continued from the November 18, 2021 meeting for signage.

Pete DeTone, General Manager of Bobcat and Mark Libman from NH Signs presented a mock-up of the proposed signage including a newly added stone base which the Commission found to be attractive. J. Mahon and L. Gandia noted that Londonderry requires all non-essential lighting to be turned off after business hours. After some discussion, the applicant agreed to a suggestion by J. Butler that the best solution would be to use a timer to shut-off lighting nightly at about 10 P.M. to allow for periodic late night closings. The applicant agreed to return to the commission with final paint colors if and when they decide to repaint the exterior of the building in Londonderry even though their initial thoughts are to go with white paint.

Actions:

- Applicant to turn-off signage lighting after business hours via use of a timing device.
 - Applicant agrees to return to commission prior to painting exterior of building with finalized colors.
- B. Application for a site plan amendment to merge two existing lots (Map 15 Lot 22-1 and Map 15 Lot 23-2) and to construct a mixed use commercial and residential building with associated site improvements, 215 Rockingham Road, Map 15 Lot 23-2, Zoned C-II and RTE 28 POD and 217 Rockingham Road, Map 15 Lot 22-1, Zoned C-II and RTE 28 POD, V&W Investment Group, LLC (Owner & Applicant) – continued from the November 18, 2021 meeting for signage.

Action:

- Withdrawn as applicant's plan has changed significantly. Applicant to return with new plan when available.

IV. Staff Reports:

- A. Application for design review of a minor site plan amendment for construction of two additional loading docks and other associated site improvements, 14 Liberty Drive, Map 16 Lot 60-5, Zoned

IND-II, Trend Moving & Storage (Applicant) and 14 Liberty Drive, LLC (Owner) – continued from the November 18, 2021 meeting (Staff report)

Laura Gandia read a statement from the applicant for this minor site plan amendment.

Action: Accepted as presented.

V. Other business:

- A. Bryan Young of the Londonderry Fire Department did an excellent job detailing the committee on the street naming process in Londonderry and in the state of New Hampshire. Considerations in naming include E911 compliance to limit dispatch errors for both fire and police and the desires of taxpayers who pay for the roads. The Street Naming Committee in Londonderry plays an essential role in this process including overseeing street numbering to facilitate locating properties in the event of an emergency. S. Joudrey indicated that she would like to gain membership to this committee. Bryan also advised the Commission that their recommended name for the proposed Exit 4A extension - the Old Rum Trail – was finalized. Bryan Young indicated that the Street Naming Committee would welcome a list of proposed street names from the Heritage Commission for future use where applicable.
- B. Richard Holmes – historian (follow-up to David Ellis' presentation) – Postponed until the March Heritage Commission meeting.
- C. Town Common tree replacement – Jake Butler detailed the Commission with his recommendation for replacement of the two spruce trees on the Town Common near the corner of Mammoth Road and Pillsbury Road. Jake reviewed several types of spruce trees and identified the strengths and weaknesses of each. Jake also emphasized the need for good tree maintenance including watering, particularly in the first two years after planting, and annual or biannual maintenance by an arborist to maintain healthy growth. After discussion, the Commission favored Jake's recommendation of a single Serbian Spruce because of its hardy nature, good appearance, and potential majestic height. Jim Butler will follow-up with the Town Manager regarding funding the acquisition of a 12'-15' Serbian Spruce, installation, and annual maintenance. Note: County Forester Greg Jordan also supplied the Commission with a written opinion on the Town Common tree replacement which almost exactly reflected that of Jake Butler's.
- D. Election of officers – D. Colglazier made a motion to re-elect the current slate of Commission officers, J. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed, 6-0.
 - Chair – Krys Kenney
 - Vice-Chair – Art Rugg
 - Secretary – John Mahon
- E. Other Business: Art Rugg discussed various mini-grants. He also discussed the submission of a letter of intent to obtain a grant to update Londonderry's historic property inventory which is now more than 15 years old.
- F. Public input: None.
- G. Adjournment - – D. Colglazier made a motion to adjourn. S. Joudrey seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the March 24, 2022 meeting by a motion made by A. Rugg and seconded by D. Colglazier.