

Town of Newburgh
Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes February 9, 2017

Members Present:

Jim Renne, Steven Shoemaker, Jeff Cox, Troy Wells, David Wills, Brent Grafe

Administrative Present:

Stacie Krieger, Council Liaison; Attorney; Chris Wischer, Legal; Christy Powell, Town Manager, Andrea Balboni; Administrative Assistant

Advisory Present:

Sue Morrison

Members & Administrative Absent:

Tavi Wydicks, Zoning Administrator; Chris Lunn

Citizens Present:

Helen Zimmerman, Director of Historic Newburgh Inc.

Reading, Correction and Approval of Previous Minutes:

Minutes will be approved at the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting

REPORTS:

Town Council Liaison:

No Report

Indiana Landmarks Southwest Field Office:

No Report

Staff:

No Report

Certified Local Government:

No Report

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Discussion – Preservation Party

Helen Zimmerman stated that typically the Historic Preservation Party takes place on Historic Preservation Commission's May meeting date, which would mean the event would take place on May 11, 2017. In the past, the Business of the Year is the one that hosts the event. Mrs. Zimmerman requested a nomination, from the board, on a residential home and business. Mrs. Zimmerman stated that Historic Newburgh, Inc. is struggling with a residential nomination but believes Barefoot Cottage should be up for Business of the Year.

A discussion was had about which residences and businesses should be put up for nomination. The Historic Preservation Commission nominated the Barefoot Cottage as Business of the Year and suggested a duel award for home of the year go to Christopher Lunn's property & Zachary & Christina Hamby's property. Mrs. Zimmerman stated she has no problem with their being a duel residence award.

A discussion was had on the details for the party.

- Mrs. Zimmerman will contact Barefoot Cottage to see if they would like to host the event
- Historic Newburgh, Inc. will bring the food
- Members from the Historic Preservation Commission will bring the drinks
- Historic Newburgh, Inc. will take care of the invitations and RSVPs
- Speakers
 - Mrs. Zimmerman will see if Barefoot Cottage would like to say a few words
 - Chris Wischer will give an update on the Historic District Expansion
 - Jim Renne will give an update on the conference he will be attending
- Possible presentation of the Historic District plaques to homeowners

Christy Powell showed the board the sample spec of the Historic District plaque. Christy explained that at this time it is not known if each designated site will be given one or if the price will be shared.

Discussion – Historic District Expansion

Chris Wischer stated that all four (4) expansion ordinances are on Town Council's agenda for the next meeting on February 22nd. Mr. Wischer stated at the Town Council meeting on February 8th, Charles Marx handed a letter to Anne Rust Aurand from his attorney Charlie Martin. Mrs. Rust Aurand handed the letter to Mr. Wischer who gave the Historic Preservation Commission a summary of its details. Mr. Wischer states that the letter objects any action be taken on the expansion and they will consider it an illegal act of eminent domain. Mr. Wischer told the Commission that it is just not the law and there are a set of statues that the legislature created that gives the Commission and Council the power to create these districts if you meet the requirements. Mr. Wischer went on to state that the Commission has met all requirements.

Mr. Wischer will respond to the letter and will advise Town Council.

A discussion was had on how to present the expansion for approval at the next Town Council meeting.

Suggestions were made that homeowners could opt out or remove themselves from the Historic District. Mr. Wischer stated that a homeowner that has a historic listing registered with the State could have that removed but that it would not remove them from the historic district. Mr. Wischer also noted that it is important to make sure that our Historic District does not have holes within it. Mr. Wischer explained that the National Register frowns on holes within a historic district and if we want to register the new district with the National Register it will be important that we have solid districts. Registering the Historic District with the National Register will allow for homeowners to apply for grants.

A question was had if the registered list of historic homes was correct. Mr. Wischer stated that Tavi Wydicks has recently gone out and double checked the list and took pictures of anything she had a question about. Mr. Wischer will get with Ms. Wydicks before the next Town Council meeting to make sure any questions she had have been answered.

Announcements:

None

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present:

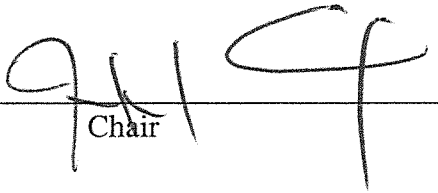
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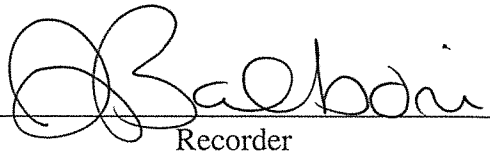
Adjourn:

David Wills made a motion to adjourn.

Troy Wells seconded and the motion carried.

Next Meeting will be March 9, 2017 at 5:30 pm.


Chair


Recorder