

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes
March 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Lin Calista at 6:00PM at Union Hall. In attendance were Lin Calista, Mary Brann, Sandi Cirillo, Mark Bradstreet, Mayo Bulloch, Steve Bulloch, and Karen Kelley. Guests: Karen Smith, Director PMM and other PMM representatives.

The meeting was called to order at 6PM and an approval of the Agenda to hear the application for a demolition of a PMM property was accepted by a vote on a motion by Lin and a second by Mary. Mary Brann was recused from the proceedings due to her involvement with PMM. The meeting continued with a discussion of a proposed demolition. The application was for demolition of the Learning Center at 89 East Main Street, Map 11, Lots 15/16/17A zone R4, was presented by Karen Smith, Director of PMM.

Karen made a very complete report on why the demolition is the next step for this building. Mainly there have been continuing problems with water flowing under the building. PMM has gathered all the permits required by the State and approval by HPC is one of the last steps. Attention will be paid to taking pictures of the building and gathering as much history as possible to document the site. PMM plans to build a new construction within 3-5 years.

Lin then read the ordinance that related to this demolition. Karen K. made a motion to accept this application and Steve seconded. The vote was 4 for and 1 abstain.

A motion was made by Mark to notify the Code Office and seconded by Steve. The vote was 4 for and 1 abstain.

The Application for the Demolition of the Learning Center passed.

The regular meeting of HPC began at 6:19PM.

The Minutes were approved with minor corrections.

There was no Treasurer's Report as Janine was absent.

OLD BUSINESS;

Calendar sales continue at the Town Office. The price has now officially been reduced to \$5. by a unanimous vote of HPC.

The Sign Ordinance Change failed at Town Meeting. We will continue to work on changes and present them again next year. We now have better guidelines to work from. There will be a new Code Enforcement Officer this year and we will invite him to a HPC meeting.

There will be a meeting on April 28 at Union Hall to hopefully have HPC and all the Boards

working more closely together. Also present will be a lawyer and a representative for the Maine Municipal Association.

Histories for the 2023 calendar will be due May 19. Several are complete already. The cover for 2023 will be the Curtain from Union Hall.

FACEBOOK: Mayo reported that there have been 141 likes and 141 follows on the site. She will add information about the Museum demolition.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sandi announced that there will be a zoom presentation by Maine Preservation of an Honorable Mention to HPC on March 29 for the restoration of the Fountain. Although the award was determined in January, we are not at liberty to discuss it until after April 1. And the formal face to face presentation will not take place until June.

It is time for HPC annual elections. Steve Bulloch's HPC appointment is expiring. We will need to reappoint him at our next meeting and elect officers. Steve made a motion for the slate of officers and Sandi seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. The Slate is:

Chair Lin Calista
Vice Chair, Secretary Mary Brann
Treasurer Janine Carpenter

Mark is having an Auction on Saturday, March 19 and showed some pictures of Searsport Currency and the original Searsport Charter that will be in the Auction. Hes hoping they stay in Searsport and be on display.

The next meeting will be on April 21 at 6PM in Union Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51PM.

Mary Brann, Secretary