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**SHELBURNE HISTORIC PRESERVATION &  
DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

**March 25, 2021**

**Minutes**

**This meeting was conducted remotely using Zoom platform.**

**Members Attending:**

Lauren Giannullo, Ruth Hagerman, Fritz Horton, Tom Koerner, Ann Milovsoroff, Marc Vincent, David Webster

**Staff Attending:**

Susan Cannizzaro, Dean Pierce

**Others Attending:**

Tracey Beaudin, Dorothea Penar, Barbara Grant, Jill Burley

**Call to order:**

Fritz Horton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Marc Vincent moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 2021. Ruth Hagerman seconded the motion, which was approved. David Webster abstained from the vote.

**Design Review Application DR21-03 – Tracey Beaudin, 219 Shelburnewood Drive:**

Tracey Beaudin was present to request approval for the removal of an existing 7' x 7' shed, to be replaced with a new 10' x 12' shed. The new wood shed will sit on a gravel foundation. Following a brief discussion, David Webster moved to recommend approval of the shed as presented. Lauren Giannullo seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Tracey Beaudin left the meeting.

**Update on Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Consideration of the State's Register Status of Shelburne Shipyard:**

As a follow-up to the discussion at the previous meeting, Fritz Horton stated that he has read the 96-page report by Scott Newman of 106 Associates relating to the status of the Shelburne Shipyard's eligibility to remain on the State's Register of Historic Places. In summary, the report states that only three buildings on the property are worthy of being considered contributing: the main boat shop, ca. 1912; the marine railway, ca. 1929; and the concrete pier, ca. 1850.

Dorothea Penar suggested the Commission respond to the Advisory Council by strongly stating the importance of the Shipyard site as a whole and supporting the buildings still being considered as contributing.

The members viewed exterior and interior photos of the buildings contained in the report. Dorothea noted that the main boat shop building is a landmark point.

The members discussed drafting a statement to the Advisory Council that can be reviewed at the next meeting on April 8th. Dorothea Penar will assist with this.

David Webster, Barbara Grant and Jill Burley left the meeting.

**Potential Grant Opportunities (including Town projects funded by COVID relief funds):**

Dean Pierce stated the Commission had previously requested this as a continuing agenda item. Although there are no current grant opportunities to discuss, Dean stated that there may be some COVID relief funds available to municipalities in the near future. These grants will have quick turn-around times and tight project deadlines.

**Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Items:**

The Planning Commission will continue to work on regulatory reform at tonight's meeting. One item of interest to the Commission may be the possible exemption of permitting for fences. The members discussed how this could impact the Village District as well as Historic Register Districts within the Town. The members had a brief discussion and decided to make a resolution that will be forwarded to the Planning Commission.

Ruth Hagerman moved that if the Planning Commission exempts fences from permitting, the exemption should apply only to areas outside the Village Design Review Overlay District or National Historic Register Districts. Marc Vincent seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

The members also discussed asking the Planning Commission to update the boundary of the Village Design Review Overlay District to include the newly designated Shelburne Falls Historic District.

Lauren Giannullo followed up the discussion by making a motion to recommend to the Planning Commission that the Village Design Review Overlay District be expanded to include the Shelburne Falls Historic District. Ann Milovsoroff seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Other Business:**

Fritz Horton noted that the Town Hall clock bell is now ringing and he has received positive feedback. The project is approximately \$1,000 over budget due to the necessary electric work and engineering study.

Marc Vincent reported that following the last meeting, he and Ruth Hagerman drafted a public notice regarding the Shelburne Falls National Historic Register District. The draft has been emailed to the members for review. He and Ruth will look for feedback at the next meeting.

Marc also reported that the Pierson Library Trustees are interested in replacing the curtains in the Town Hall so that it can be used for public events such as plays, concerts and movie nights. He is told they have some money in their budget that could be used towards the expense. Ruth Hagerman commented that the intention was to replace the curtains when the Town Hall was recently restored, but the cost was enormously expensive.

Library Director, Kevin Unrath and Library Trustees will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the curtain replacement.

**Adjournment:**

Ruth Hagerman moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. Ann Milovsoroff seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Cannizzaro