

Minutes
BENNINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Bennington Town Office – Conference Room
May 6, 2016 @ 2:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Harrington, Anne Bugbee, Jeff Goldstone, Michael McDonough and Joseph Hall.

Also Present: Beth Antognioni, Jayne and Duffy Outwater.

1. Minutes of April 19, 2016 were approved with the following amendment:

(2) Cell Tower -160 Benmont Avenue

There were no concerns or objections to the cell tower located at 160 Benmont Avenue *as it is pre-existing, not visible and contained within the building.*

2. Michael McDonough was nominated and elected to be the HPC Chair.

HPC discussed meeting frequency, HPC will meet on a monthly schedule as suggested, the 1st Friday of every month at 2:00 p.m. or as needed if an application comes to HPC for a recommendation.

3. Proposed façade renovations - 415 Main Street

Jayne and Duffy Outwater came to HPC with preliminary ideas they have for a proposed garage door that would replace a window/door at 415 Main Street, after much discussion with HPC members, Jeff Goldstone offered to meet with Jayne and Duffy to work on a proposal to come back to HPC at a future date.

4. Sign Application -206 School Street – Walloomsac Apartments/Bennington Housing Authority

HPC approved the proposed sign application as presented for Walloomsac Apartments. Joseph Hall abstained as he is employed by Bennington Housing Authority.

5. Other Preservation Issues

There was some general discussion regarding empty storefronts on Main Street. It was suggested to continue this discussion at a future meeting along with what role HPC plays regarding an advocacy role and or production role.

Next regular meeting will be Friday, June 3, 2016 at 2:00 p.m, or earlier if an application for HPC to review.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Harrington, HPC Secretary
Director of Economic and Community Development