

Minutes
BENNINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Bennington Town Office – Conference Room
July 15, 2016 @ 2:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Harrington, Anne Bugbee, Jeff Goldstone, Michael McDonough and Joseph Hall. Also Present, Larry Hollister, Contractor.

1. Minutes of June 3, 2016 were approved as submitted.

2. Proposed frame and façade renovations – 334 Pleasant Street

The HPC reviewed the application for 334 Pleasant Street (Thurber's Garage). The Commission is in support of the project and forwarded the attached memo to the Bennington Development Review Board.

3. Proposed façade renovations 421 Main Street – 421 Tap Room

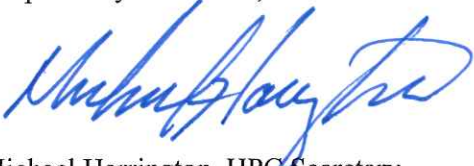
Larry Hollister contractor for 421 Main Street met with Commission members to go over the materials and wood treatment they are proposing for the garage door installation. Keefe & Wesner are the Architects for 421 Tap Room.

4. Other Preservation Issues

Michael Harrington shared with Commission members the proposed façade renovations for 415 Main Street were not approved by the Development Review Board.

Next meeting will be Friday, August 5, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Harrington, HPC Secretary
Director of Economic and Community Development



BENNINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

July 19, 2016

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Bennington Development Review Board
C/O Daniel Monks
205 South Street
Bennington, VT 05201

RE: 334 Pleasant Street, LLQ Body and Frame façade alterations

Dear DRB Members,

The HPC reviewed the application submitted by LLQ Body and Frame, for the façade changes to a portion of 334 Pleasant Street (Thurber's Garage). The Commission is in support of the project, but would like to encourage the applicant to strongly consider the following recommendations.

1. All window and door trim should be painted a dark tone to visually enhance the historic character of the building. This could be done with black or dark green colors. We would also recommend that this be done for all trim across the entire building.
2. The individual window panes be more closely spaced together, by reduce the spacers from 12" to 6" or 4". This will minimize the contrast between the window space of this business, and that of other spaces within the same building. The lost space could be made up by widening the trim on the far ends of the window cavity to maintain the overall size.

We believe these minor changes to the proposed plan will enhance the overall project, and bring the alterations more in line with the standards set for in the HPC guidebook, *Time & Place In Bennington*.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Harrington
Secretary, Bennington Historic Preservation Commission