

Minutes

BENNINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Bennington Town Office – Conference Room

November 7, 2016 @ 4:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne Bugbee, Jeff Goldstone, Michael McDonough and Joseph Hall.
Excused: Michael Harrington, Also Present, Beth Antognioni.

1. Proposed Sign Application – 343 Main Street – The Gift Garden

The HPC reviewed the sign application for 343 Main Street. The Commission is not in support of the proposed sign. HPC is aware that the building is not a contributing historic building.

Below are the following reasons the HPC is not in support of the proposed sign:

- The sign does not fit the building, the size of the sign is too large.
- The color of the sign, too much white space.
- The small print is unnecessary and inappropriate information on the façade of the sign, HPC recommends the small print be placed on the window below, and the business of the artwork distracting.

Joe Hall motioned to deny the sign application with the above comments, Anne Bugbee seconded the motion.

2. Proposed Sign Application – 447 Main Street – Bennington Armory, LLC.

HPC reviewed the sign application for 447 Main Street. The Commission is not in support of the sign. HPC does not recommend the sign for the following reasons:

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1. Removing existing signs which add to character.
2. Installing new signs which cover or obscure existing features.
3. Installing new signs which are incompatible in architectural style, scale, location, materials or color.

HPC has an objection to the color of the sign as it mimics highway road signage.

The material of the sign is flimsy and without substance. HPC would require the sign to be included in a frame.

HPC feels that the business name should be on the sign, and HPC can counsel the applicant with regards to the simple phrase of “Guns”, which is proposed, but not appropriate by itself. If the sign read “Bennington Armory, Antique and Collectable, Guns,” HPC would support that recommendation.

Jeff Goldstone moved to deny the application with Anne Bugbee seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Antognioni
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