

Minutes

BENNINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Bennington Town Office – Conference Room

August 25, 2017 @ 4:00 P.M.

Present: Jeff Goldstone, Anne Bugbee, Michael McDonough, and Zirwat Chowdhury

Excused: Joe Hall

Also Present: Beth Antognioni, Jason Dolmetsch/ MSK Engineering & Design, Jim Martinez, President of Tri State Area Federal Credit Union, Alan Berry/Stevens & Associates, Jim Therrien/Bennington Banner and Vermont Digger, and citizen Bob Tegart

1. Tri State Area Federal Credit Union – Washington Avenue

Architect Jeff Goldstone presented the new elevations, floor plans and color rendering for the Tri State Area Federal Credit Union on Washington Avenue. Jim Martinez, President of Tri State Federal Credit Union was also in attendance to answer any questions and to provide feedback from HPC to his Board members.

Anne Bugbee moved to recommend approval to the DRB as presented; and Zirwat Chowdhury seconded, unanimous.

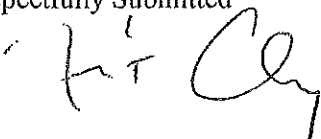
2. Redevelopment of Historic Putnam Block, 371 Main Street

Architect Alan Berry presented the draft site concept and proposed elevations for Phase 1 of the Redevelopment of the Putnam Block. Project architect Alan Berry presented the draft site concept and proposed elevations for Phase 1 of the Redevelopment of the Historic Putnam Block to the HPC at its Friday, August 25 meeting. The HPC recognizes the complexity of the site, especially the intricate layers of subsequent construction at the Old Courthouse, the Hotel, and the Winslow Block, and commends the developers for their care in preserving three important structures, while still attending to contemporary needs of use and access. The Committee, however, maintains some questions regarding the final colors and materials, especially the visibility of the proposed stairwell and elevator shaft at the Putnam Hotel.

The HPC thus recommends approval of Phase 1 of the Redevelopment of the Historic Putnam Block to the DRB, conditioned on a review of final color choices of trim, and a visual analysis of the proposed hotel roof projections. Unanimous approval.

Mike McDonough moved adjournment; Anne Bugbee seconded – unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted



Zirwat Chowdhury, HPC Secretary
Community Development Director



TOWN OF BENNINGTON

To: Dan Monks, Assistant Town Manager and Planning Director

From: Zirwat Chowdhury, HPC Secretary and Community Development Director

Date: August 30, 2017

Re: Projects Presented to HPC on August 25, 2017 z

The HPC met on Friday, August 25 to review the following two projects. Please find below our responses below:

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2) Tri State Area Federal Credit Union, Washington Avenue:

Having reviewed the plan and elevations presented by the project architect, Jeffrey Goldstone, the HPC recommends approval of the Tri State Area Federal Credit Union building to the DRB.