

# Minutes

## BENNINGTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Bennington Town Office – Conference Room

June 6, 2018 @ 4:30 P.M.

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

Also Present: Beth Antognioni, Keith Jelley and Justin Jelley, and Derek Carson/Bennington Banner

### 1. Replacement Windows/Siding, 439 Main Street, Cone Reality Corp.

Keith and Justin Jelley shared with HPC their thoughts on replacing two windows on the front of the Cone building. Keith explained that as the size of the windows are very expensive, they are only able to replace two windows a year. After much discussion, it was suggested HPC visit the site on Friday, June 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. After the site visit, HPC recommended the following to Zoning Administrator Daniel Monks: The proposed vinyl replacement windows do not match the originals in size, configuration or detail. As such, we strongly recommend that the building owner explore more appropriate alternatives, and hire a designer to assist with the decision making and in providing drawings that illustrate the proposal so we can evaluate and respond properly.

Keith and Justin also discussed that the panels on the front of the building are rotting, and that they would like to replace them with clapboard. They sought HPC for guidance on this matter. HPC members agreed to review the front of the building at the site visit. After the site visit on Friday, it was recommended that the building owner hire a designer to assist with the decision making and in providing drawings that illustrate the proposal so we can evaluate and respond to something other than our on-site “hand waving.”

### 2. Minutes of May 18, 2018

The Minutes of May 18, 2018 were approved as written.

### 3. Other Preservation Issues

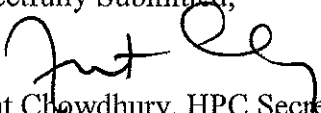
After some discussion, it was suggested that HPC put together educational information to establish minimum standards of what HPC will accept from a contractor regarding work they are proposing and what they bring to HPC for discussion. In the past, an information sheet was given out to people who came into the Town Office wanting to do development work within the Downtown Design Review District. Anne reminded HPC that we did have a sheet that was handed out to contractors wanting to do work in the Design Review District. Beth will locate the sheet that was previously handed out, and share with HPC members. We will discuss the procedure at the next HPC meeting.

Mike noted that the Blacksmith shop are replacing windows and are moving to 5/8”, he was making sure that HPC was comfortable with that. There were no objections.

Mike also noted there was a Demolition Permit application that had been completed for the demolition of a deteriorating colonial farm house at 883 Vail Road. HPC does need to sign off on all Demolition permits, HPC needs to review the Demolition Permit process.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Zirwat Chowdhury, HPC Secretary  
Community Development Director