

Town of Suffield Historic District Commission

Minutes of Meeting - January 5, 2015
Ground Floor Meeting Room - Suffield Town Hall
7:30 P.M.

Present: David Bahlman, Brendan Begley, Melissa Mack, Scott MacCintic, John Schwemmer, Margery Warren

Approval of Minutes for the December 1, 2014 Meeting:

Brendan Begley made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Scott MacClintic. Motion passed unanimously.

Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

114 South Main Street:Frontier Communications Signage

A representative from Frontier Communication was present to answer questions regarding the "Size 1" signage installed on the structure at 114 South Main Street shortly after the last meeting on December 1, 2014. Since the C of A approval for a sign on December 1, 2014 was approved with the stipulation that a "Size 2" smaller sign be used, the Commission's task was to either inform the applicant that the sign needed to be replaced in order to conform with the stipulation for a smaller sign, or to amend the stipulation to allow the larger installed sign to remain. Commissioner Bahlman presented mock-ups of both sign sizes for the Commission's deliberation. John Schwemmer made a motion to amend the stipulation to allow the larger size ("Size 1", already installed). Seconded by Scott MacClintic. Discussion followed. Motion passed with 5 votes for the motion and one vote against the motion.

Annual Election of Historic District Commission Officers:

Margery Warren made a motion to elect David Bahlman as Chairman and Doug Mayne as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Scott MacClintic. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

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Survey Grant Discussion. Receipt of Proposals for the Hiring of a Consultant for the Suffield Survey Update:

David Bahlman presented the two proposals received just prior to December 31, 2014 for the work on the updated Suffield Survey of architectural and historic resources. Copies of the two proposals, one from Taylor & Taylor and one from Heritage Consultants, were distributed to each Commission member. Bahlman presented a summary of the major components of each proposal. Discussion followed. The Commission recommended that references be checked and several questions asked in telephone interviews with both consultants. With this additional information, it was agreed that a decision could then be made via e-mail votes within a week.

Adjournment:

Brendan Begley moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Margery Warren. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.