

Milford Historic District No. 2, South of the Green
Minutes of Regular Meeting and Public Hearing – Board of Education Meeting Room (Learning Center), Parsons Government Center – January 9, 2019

Vice Chair Gary Becker called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present: Gary Becker, Christopher Bishop, Elizabeth Kennard, Walter Ortoleva, Chairwoman Carol Molloy Smith present via phone.

Excused: Marika Mosley, Arthur Stowe

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bishop and Ms. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018, meeting as corrected. (spelling of Mr. Ortoleva's name) Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report including Correspondence

Ms. Smith reported she has been reappointed to the Commission until 2024.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ortoleva reported the balance as of 1/9/19 was \$4,500 and he had not yet received the grant money for 2018.

Ms. Smith stated she had mail at her home for Mr. Ortoleva and perhaps it included the check for the grant.

Mr. Ortoleva submitted expenses for drawings he had worked on.

Mr. Becker and Ms. Kennard moved to authorize reimbursement of \$41.80 to Mr. Ortoleva for supplies purchased for drawings. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

- A. Election of Officers for 2019 – Mr. Becker and Mr. Ortoleva nominated Ms. Smith as Chairman, Mr. Ortoleva, Treasurer and Ms. Kennard, Clerk of Milford Historic District No. 2, South of the Green for 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bishop and Mr. Ortoleva nominated Mr. Becker as Vice Chair of Milford Historic District No. 2, South of the Green for 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Committee of Two/no agreement – Ms. Smith expressed concern over the possibility of a committee of 2 not able to decide on an issue should it go to a hearing.

Mr. Becker agreed that would be the safest course of action and it was decided it would be agreed as the commission's internal procedure.

Discussion ensued regarding the question of vinyl vs. other material when siding is being replaced or on an addition.

Mr. Ortoleva noted the logic was that this body would not want to deny homeowners the use of new material in the future.

Mr. Becker offered to do some research to look for the notes from the Study Committee and report back and this could be a matter for future discussion by members.

C. Procedure for submitting names to the Mayor for Commission Appointment

Ms. Smith stated she felt there should be some procedure for submitting names for consideration of appointment to this Commission. She recommended that if an individual was to be recommended, that recommendation should go to the Chair first and from that point the Chair would communicate that recommendation to members. Further, if there should be any objection to the recommendation that would be shared with the Chair.

Ms. Kennard agreed there should be some process to be followed.

Mr. Ortoleva felt the Mayor would appreciate any feedback regarding recommendations.

Mr. Becker noted this body can agree amongst themselves to come up with a recommendation and any personal opinions could be shared with the Chair.

Mr. Becker stated he will develop appropriate language for that protocol.

Going back to Unfinished Business, it was suggested that a recorder be purchased to use record public hearing dialogue and it was noted this concern was brought about by recent past public hearing situation.

Ms. Kennard and Mr. Bishop moved to add to the agenda Executive Session to discuss pending litigation regarding 7 Pond Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ortoleva and Ms. Kennard moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 7 p.m. to discuss pending litigation re: 7 Pond Street. Commission members only would be in attendance. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting reconvened in public session at 8:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ortoleva and Mr. Bishop moved to adjourn at 8:02 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Candido