

Milford Historic District No. 2 – South of the Green
Minutes of Regular Meeting and Public Hearing - Conference Room C, Parsons Government
Center (unapproved)
January 19, 2011

Chair Smith called the regular meeting of the Milford Historic District No. 2, South of the Green to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members Present

Gary Becker (7:02 p.m.)
Timothy J. Casey
Carol Molloy Smith
Arthur Paulson
Walter Ortoleva
Marcia Winter

Not Present

Marge Jones
Arthur Stowe

Also Present

Mary Dunn. Comm. on Culture
and Tourism

In the absence of members, Chair Smith appointed Mrs. Winter as a voting member for this meeting.

Mr. Casey and Mr. Paulson made and seconded a motion to add to the agenda the election of officers for 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Smith asked for nominations from the floor for the following slate of officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk and Treasurer.

Mr. Paulson asked if all of the incumbents have agreed to serve for another year and Chair Smith said they had.

Mr. Casey and Mr. Ortoleva made and seconded a motion to approve the following slate of officers for 2011:

Chair – Carol Molloy Smith
Vice Chair – Arthur Paulson
Clerk – Gary Becker
Treasurer – Walter Ortoleva

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Casey and Mr. Paulson made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried with Mr. Ortoleva and Chair Smith abstaining from voting as they were not present at the July meeting.

Chair's Report (including correspondence)

- Chair Smith shared a letter sent to Richard Somers, 75 Lafayette Street regarding COA question for window replacement and siding.
- Chair Smith stated she was pleased to report that Mr. Becker, Mrs. Jones and Mr. Ortoleva had been reappointed to the Commission at the January aldermanic meeting. As well, Mrs. Winter had been appointed as an alternate to the commission.

- Chair Smith stated she had received various notices of demolition from residents who reside outside of the district.
- Chair Smith shared correspondence from Milford Historical Society with regard to changes they are making to the COA issued to them in September 2010.

At this point, Mrs. Winter relinquished her role as a member of the commission to explain the proposed revisions from the Historical Society where she serves as President.

The commission reviewed the architectural revisions to the addition of the Downs House. Those revisions included changes to the ramp, railings and siding color and material. As well there will be three new windows which is a change from the five originally proposed; however the building will structurally be the same. Mrs. Winter was pleased to note there will be a cost savings of \$11,000 derived from the change in siding material and a total cost savings of \$75,000. She also the Historical Society can receive funding for the handicap accessible bathroom.

Mrs. Winter stated if this commission approves the plan, it will still have to go on to the State Historical Society for their approval of revisions.

Mr. Paulson this body has no authority over siding and color and he personally had no objection to the revisions going forward.

Chair Smith suggested a letter be sent to the Historical Society noting this commission's review of the plan and our agreement with the siding, color and material.

Mr. Paulson and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion that this commission notify the Historical Society they and review the revisions and feel they do not need a separate COA for these revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

(Mrs. Winter resumed her role as a member of the Milford Historic District No. 2 – South of the Green)

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ortoleva stated bank statement reflects a balance of \$554; however there is an outstanding payment for secretarial fees as well as a \$75 fee paid from the Historical Society which would make the balance \$529.

Mr. Paulson and Mr. Casey made and seconded a motion to approve the Treasurers report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

A. Tree Commission Report – no report available

Chair Smith stated that Mr. Casey's request to discuss a properly filed Application for Certificate of Appropriateness will be placed on next month's agenda.

(Mr. Becker arrived at the meeting and assumed his role as a voting member).

New Business

Ms. Mary Dunn from the Commission on Culture and Tourism was present to discuss and advise on establishing historical sites (attached material to file copy only)

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Candido
Recording Secretary