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Durham Historic District Commission
Minutes
Monday, December 5, 2016
Durham Public Library

Call to Order, Roll Call and Seating of Alternates: The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Mary Elizabeth Taylor.

Roll Call: Members present: Duncan Milne, Colleen Darnell, Diana McCain, Mary Elizabeth Taylor;
Alternates present: George (Chip) Williams, Mark Howard, Ona McLaughlin

Seating of Alternates: Motion by Diana McCain/seconded by Duncan Milne; George (Chip) Williams, Mark Howard and Ona McLaughlin were seated.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Diana McCain, seconded by Duncan Milne, to amend the agenda to correct Colleen's name from Manassa to Darnell. The amended agenda was approved unanimously.

Public Comment: None. There was mention by Mary Elizabeth that a Boy Scout looking to create a monument to the firefighters may show to discuss his request. He did not.

Old Business:

- Diana McCain encouraged everyone to attend the Town Meeting next Monday, 12/12, to approve the addition of the Thomas Lyman house to the Historic District.
- Mary Elizabeth informed the group of a letter sent from the state to the businesses on Main St. informing them they must comply with the law prohibiting temporary signage (referred to as "pie" signs, not be confused with π). There is a belief that this letter was precipitated by a meeting in October between the DOT and members of the HDC at which State Senator Kennedy was also present. However, the HDC did not ask for illegal signs to be removed at this meeting.

New Business:

- The Planning and Zoning Commission has asked the HDC for recommendation on lighting for firehouse, specifically the color temperature. The AMA recommends no higher than 3,000 kelvins. In consideration of this and to preserve the historic and residential character of the town, the HDC recommends lighting of no greater than 2,500 kelvins.
- Related to the firehouse – and specifically the proposal for renovation, including the two adjacent houses – Duncan Milne urged everyone to attend the P&Z meeting next Wednesday, 12/7, at 7:30pm.
- Discussion of Budget request. Group agreed on \$2,500.

Election of Officers:

- Ona moved that Mary Elizabeth Taylor continue as the HDC President, seconded by Mark Howard, approved unanimously.
- On motion from Ona, seconded by Duncan, approved unanimously, Diana McCain elected to continue as HDC Vice President.

- Colleen Darnell was nominated as Secretary by Ona, seconded by Diana, approved unanimously.

Adjournment: upon motion by Mark Howard, seconded by Mary Elizabeth; the meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.