

**FRANKLIN HERITAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Wednesday, May 24, 2017 6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03

☐ **Salute to the Flag**

☐ **Roll Call**

Present: Chair Glen Feener, Jeff Whitney, Michael Mullavey, Paul Trudel, George Dzujna & Richard Lewis (Planning and Zoning Director). Chairman Feener

☐ **Nomination of Officers**

Trudel / Dzujna motioned / seconded Glen Feener for Heritage Commission Chairman
Whitney / Feener motioned / seconded Bob Lucas for Vice-Chair
Nominations for Secretary were postponed until a later date.

☐ **Approval of Minutes from Sep. 28, 2016.**

Whitney / Trudel motioned and seconded approval with correction in spelling on George Dzujna's name.
All were in favor.

Chairman Feener announced that he will be voting in place of absent member, Bob Lucas.

New Business

- ☐ A proposal by PermaCityLife for façade improvements at 361 Central Street [the Shepard Block], with the work to involve the installation of new windows, exterior light fixtures, and window trim on the first floor, and the painting of all trim and/or windows on all three floors.

Todd Workman of PermaCityLife discussed their plans for the renovation of the Shepard Block which included replacing the ground floor single-pane picture windows with more energy efficient Anderson windows with black frames. On the second and third floor the original windows will be restored and lined internally with storm-windows. The existing siding will be replaced by wooden siding that is milled in Franklin. Restored gaslight sconces, electrified with LEDs will be placed on the brick buttresses between the windows on both Franklin and Central Streets. Paul Morrisette found the antique fixtures in Tilton. In a concession to the Heritage Commission, they substituted the Commission's approved colors [Codman Claret, Curry and Sayward Pine] for their original paint selections [Stunning Shade & Saucy Gold].

In response to an inquiry by a resident of Franklin, Mr. Workman read a response dated May 12, 2017, to an email sent by Neil Cannon [Franklin's Downtown Business Coordinator] to Nadine Miller [DHR Preservation Project Reviewer] regarding historic preservation projects and funding:

“The DHR has no regulatory authority to review or approve historic preservation undertaken with CDFA Tax Credit financing.”

Annette Andreozzi reminded the Commission that Member Mullavey is on the board for PermaCityLife, before thanking Mr. Workman for choosing to restore the upper level windows. She mentioned, however, the plans for the ground floor windows were not historically accurate and she handed the Commission three black and white photographs of the building both under and after construction. She expressed a concern that replacing the large plate glass windows with double panes would change the look of the building. She also informed the Commission that Franklin was the first municipality in New Hampshire to have electric street lighting. The light fixtures hung from cables in the center of the road. The installation of gaslight fixtures on the façade of the building would not be in keeping with its original appearance. She then urged the Board to get new drawings from PermaCityLife showing the new proposed color scheme and she requested that the phrase “historically sensitive” be removed from any approval the Commission made.

Mr. Workman responded to Ms. Andreozzi’s remarks, stating that the original windows were not up to code and that no manufacturer would make windows as large as the originals. He also reiterated that downtown Franklin is in need of additional lighting at night for safety. When asked about the height of the lights, Mr. Workman responded that they would be mounted high enough to clear pedestrians’ heads and still provide adequate lighting to the sidewalk.

With no further public comment, the meeting was brought back to the Commission. Member Trudel questioned the advisability of using old wrought iron fixtures, concerned about what would happen if vandals damaged any of the fixtures. Mr. Workman replied that should that occur, the spacing of the lights would be altered to maintain an aesthetic appearance. The general consensus was that the restorations and alterations would be an improvement to the overall appearance of the building and the downtown. Member Trudel / Member Whitney motioned and seconded the proposed exterior modifications at 361 Central Street with the following changes: replace the colors on the proposal with the Commission’s approved colors—codman claret, curry, and sayward pine; remove the word historically from sections C & D. By a vote of 4-0-0 [Member Mullavey recused himself] the motion was approved.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.