

Henniker Historic District Commission Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
9:00 a.m.—Community Center

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Susan Adams, Joe Devine (TA), Rep. Peter Flynn, Lisa Hustis, Bill McGraw, Warren Mattiello and Bob Pagano.

Membership: Lisa announced that long time valued member and secretary Betty Watman will not be seeking a new term. There is now an open position on the commission.

Election of Officers: Lisa Hustis, Chairman; Warren Mattiello, Vice-Chairman; Susan Adams, Secretary were unanimously voted as officers for 2020-21.

Henniker Food Pantry Signs: Because the Food Pantry is in a historic building, they are pursuing a sign permit. Considerable discussion followed for the sign placed in front of the Grange and several signs at the entrance at the back of the building. A motion was made and seconded that the lawn sign be placed in the front during opening hours only; and that only one sign be placed at the entrance in the back.

The motion carried with one abstention.

Handicap Ramp at the Community Center: Joe provided the plan and estimated costs provided by Kristen Bergeron of the Park Department and approved by the Board of Selectmen. The committee then viewed the handicap entrance. Bob Pagano reminded the commission that the town needs to make “reasonable accommodation” in terms of handicap access. A discussion followed concerning the aluminum material, the increased size, repairing versus replacement and preserving the historic appearance of the building.

The commission voted unanimously not to approve the proposed handicap ramp as presented since it does not conform to preserving the historic appearance of the Community Center building and to instead look for a plan to repair the current ramp.

Mini Splits at Town Hall: Joe presented the plan for four to six mini-splits to be installed on the first floor of Town Hall for efficient heating and air conditioning. The units would not be seen from the outside with the exception of the piping and two condensers near the back entrance to Town Hall. Nothing would be visible from the front of Town Hall. After much discussion,

Motion to approve the units but take into consideration for the piping be placed appropriately on the exterior and that appropriate fencing be placed around the condensers was unanimously passed. It was recommended that the Town Administrator work with Warren Mattiello, one of the members who is very familiar with

these units, as a consultant. Warren questioned the missing lock on the condensers at the Community Center and requested that it be replaced in order to keep the equipment safe.

Meeting Schedule: The members discussed the need for four meetings and voted that two meetings a year would be sufficient along with necessary meetings "at the call of the chairman". We will review the hearing process at our next meeting in April.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Adams, Secretary