

CITY OF LEWISTON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD

Thursday, June 5, 2014, @ 3:00 PM
Administrative Conference Room, 1st Floor, Lewiston City Building

FINAL MINUTES

- I. Roll Call:** This meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. and was chaired by William Clifford.
Members Present: William (Bill) Clifford, Philip Meldrum, Douglas Hodgkin, Jennifer Ferguson and Mark Lee
Members Absent: Jack Milo and Rick Morris
Associate Member Absent: Gabrielle Russell
Staff Present: Gildace Arsenault, Director of Planning & Code and Cathy Lekberg, Administrative Assistant, Economic & Community Development.

II. New Business:

Certificate of Appropriateness for signage for Stephen's Pizza located at 133 Lisbon Street,

Robert Ray, owner of Subway and Stephen's Pizza was present to answer any questions with respect to his proposed sign. The Board had already discussed the sign at the May 1, 2014 meeting when Mark Atwood from Northern Signs had attended and who would be making the sign. The rendering of the sign shown at the meeting was acceptable to all members.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: by **Philip Meldrum** to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to Stephen's Pizza for signage that is non-lighted, measuring 28" x 42" in diameter, to be placed on the front, right hand side of 133 Lisbon Street, the McGillicuddy Building. Second by **Douglas Hodgkin.**

VOTED: 5-0 (Passed).

III. Old Business:

a) Update on the Kennedy Park Bandstand

Bill stated that there were two things decided by the Bandstand Committee: 1) The bandstand would not be moved to a new location, but it will be constructed a few feet away from where it currently stands, and 2) the height of the floor would be 2' or 2.5' above grade so that a handicap lift would not be required. All members agreed with the two changes and suggested that the height be 2'.

Gil stated that the City Council agreed to extend the time for a limited period (i.e. this summer) for raising funds for the bandstand.

Bill also said that the bandstand cost would be reduced from \$260,000 to \$160,000 if these changes were made versus the prior plan for the Bandstand to be located adjacent to Bates and Walnut and that Mike Hebert provided this estimate. Bill said they have raised \$26,000 with another donation of \$8,000 coming soon which gives them a total of \$34,000. There was also CDBG money in the amount of \$71,000 in contingency waiting for the work to start.

Members discussed the metal railings and their dislike of these. They all wanted it to look like the 1925 rendition of the Bandstand. Doug said he would send a picture of the 1925 bandstand to the members.

The Board decided to schedule a special meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room to have further discussion of the bandstand and invite Mike Hebert attend to discuss this project.

b) Wiseman Bridge – Nomination for the National Register

Members agreed the Wiseman Bridge should be nominated for the national register and asked what would be the first step in the process to nominate the bridge and Doug stated they will need to contact Christi Mitchell from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for advice and approval of listing the bridge and then proceed from there. Doug said that he has a lot of information about the bridge and he also thought that Christi might help them complete the application or do it herself. Members also thought it should be nominated for the local register and that they should have more authority on the maintenance of the bridge and not just demolition delay. Jennifer mentioned that Portland has an ordinance that gives them much more authority on the maintenance of historic structures. She would check the website for a copy of this ordinance and send it to Cathy.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: by **Mark Lee** to nominate the Wiseman Bridge to be put on the National Register of Historic Buildings and also put on the local registry. Second by **Philip Meldrum**.

VOTED: 5-0 (Passed).

V. Minutes: Adoption of the May 1, 2014 Historic Preservation Review Board Minutes.

The following motion was made:

MOTION: by **Douglas Hodgkin** to accept the May 1, 2014 minutes as presented. Second by **Philip Meldrum**.

VOTED: 4-0-1 (Passed).
Mark Lee Abstained

VI. Adjournment:

MOTION: by **Jennifer Ferguson** to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m. Second by **Douglas Hodgkin**.

VOTED: 5-0 (Passed).

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for Thursday, June 19, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Lekberg, Administrative Assistant
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