

**CITY OF LEWISTON**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD**  
Thursday, July 20, 2017, @ 3:00 PM  
Administrative Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (Bill) Clifford.
- Members Present:** Bill Clifford, Douglas Hodgkin, Rick Morris, Fredda Wolf and Andrew Knight
- Members Absent:** Jack Milo and Mark Lee
- Associate Member Present:** Gerard Raymond
- Associate Member Absent:** Jan Barrett
- Staff Present:** Gil Arsenault, Director of Planning & Code and Cathy Lekberg, Administrative Assistant, Planning & Code

Bill appointed Gerard Raymond as full voting member for this meeting.

**II. New Business:**

**Discussion regarding Lewiston Canal Water Power Historic District**

Gil explained to the Board that the City has been working to acquire the Lewiston Canal System from Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC. He said that the City Council conducted a workshop to discuss a possible amendment to Appendix A, Article XV, Section 6 of the Code to create a Lewiston Canal System Historic District which would allow the City to regulate the canals. The Planning Board or the City Council could initiate this action but Gil thought that the Historic Preservation Review Board might wish to initiate.

Members asked what would happen if the City or this Board did not initiate this amendment. Gil said that Brookfield's is licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and because the canal system is located within the Lewiston Mills and Water Power Historic District they are subject to federal review via Section 106 of the National Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. In order to remove the Canal System from federal review, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will require that either the HPRB have oversight of the canal system or it could choose to provide future regulatory oversight.

Fredda referenced the letter to Brookfield from Kirk Mohny of SHPO and said there were many things to be done before Brookfield could hand over regulating the canals to the City. She asked if they would be doing the work requested by SHPO and Gil said yes.

Gil said that the HPRB or SHPO will regulate the canal system if they are removed from FERC licensing. Andrew asked if the Board would be regulating just the canals or the land and buildings surrounding them. Gil said it would be limited to the canals and only to the structures located within the canal system but not the mill buildings, etc. He said that many of the buildings located within the Lewiston Mills and Water Power System Historic District are currently regulated locally limited to our demolition delay provisions. Bill said that it would be good if the canal

system becomes a locally regulated district as the Board will have oversight to protect this historic resource.

Members asked about the process which could be as follows:

This Board could initiate the amendment. There would be a public hearing to recommend this amendment to the City Council. The Planning Board also needs to make a recommendation to the Council and the City Council would then act on the recommendation.

Andrew asked why not let SHPO regulate the canals and Gil said he has confidence in this Board, and as a Certified Local Government it should regulate the canals. Andrew also was concerned about the accuracy of the description of the canals and property from Brookfield.

Rick asked what if we initiate and the City rejects the amendment and Gil said it would be most likely regulated by SHPO.

After further discussion, the Board decided not to initiate the amendment at this time. They would like to see a draft of the proposed amendment at the next meeting and decide then whether they want to initiate.

The following motion was made:

**MOTION:** by **Douglas Hodgkin** to table this matter and place it on the August 3, 2017 meeting agenda. Second by **Fredda Wolf**.

**VOTED:** 6-0 (Passed).

**III. Old Business:** None

**IV. Minutes:** Adoption of the May 4, 2017 draft Historic Preservation Review Board minutes.

The following motions were made:

**MOTION:** by **Douglas Hodgkin** to accept the May 4, 2017 minutes with one change. Second by **Fredda Wolf**.

**VOTED:** 4-2 (Passed).  
**Andrew Knight and Gerard Raymond Abstained**

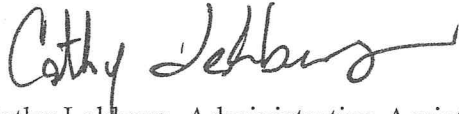
**V. Adjournment:**

**MOTION:** by **Gerard Raymond** to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Second by **Fredda Wolf**.

**VOTED:** 6-0 (Passed).

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for Thursday, August 3, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Lekberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Cathy Lekberg, Administrative Assistant  
Planning & Code Department