



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes

City of Rochester

Wednesday April 19, 2023

City Hall Annex (second floor conference room)

33 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH

(These minutes were approved on July 19, 2023)

Members Present

Molly Meulenbroek, *Chair*

Peter Bruckner, *Vice Chair*

James Connor

Laura Hainey

Jeremiah Minihan

Matthew Winders – arrived at 7:07pm

Members Absent

Alternate Members

Staff: Crystal Galloway, *Planner I*

I. Call to Order

Chair Molly Meulenbroek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Seating of Alternates

No alternates were needed.

III. Public Input

There was no one from the public present to speak.

IV. Approval of March 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Bruckner and seconded by Mr. Minihan to approve the March 15, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

V. New Applications:

Anthony Ejarque, 1 Wakefield Street Certificate of Approval for an amendment to a previously approved new sign. Case # 120 – 394 – DC – 23

Applicant Anthony Ejarque presented the updated proposed sign design. He said after meeting with the Commission at the February 15th meeting, he took the suggestions made and redesigned the sign. Mr. Ejarque explained they have removed the original victorian logo and came up with a new name and logo for the store in order to eliminate any confusion. He told the Commission in preparation for the new sign they have installed three goose neck lights that will be used to illuminate the sign.

Mr. Connor asked why they decided to change the color of the sign. Mr. Ejarque said he thought about Mr. Bruckner’s comments regarding the proposed red or burgundy lettering and how it may be difficult for some to read.

A motion was made by Mr. Bruckner and seconded by Ms. Hainey to approve the amendment for a new sign as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Other Business/Non-Scheduled Items:

- 1) Historic Resources Update: Ms. Galloway let the Commission know Preservation Company is anticipating submitting a draft of the property sheet by the end of April for review.
- 2) Cultural and Historic Resources Master Plan Update: Ms. Galloway said Tom Morgan of TMZ Planning will be conducting a Downtown Walking tour on May 17th. She said the theme is “Looking to Define Historic Architecture and how buildings have changed over time”.

Mr. Bruckner asked if it is possible to come up with a map for the walking tour so people can do it at their own pace.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Winders motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm, Mr. Connor seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Crystal Galloway, *Planner I*