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Historic Districts Commission

AGENDA

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

2nd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall 7:30 PM

Identify members present. Dan Barton, Pat Hardy, Sanford Johnson, Laura Moore

7:32 P *Open meeting*

7:40 P: New sign by-law: Michelle Collette, Land Use Director – clarification / discussion of application format & processing procedures. *Questions about administrative details; also meeting with Sign Committee next week. Banners - does GHDC (per sec.9d of the new by-law) want to give written permission as per e(5)? Also, how to proceed with enforcement? Discussion – banners: limited use of logos or other organization symbols – no more than 10% of the coverage; temporary signs limited to 2 signs per common & for other locations – set a specified spot near an existing sign for which there is a permit; enforcement – phone call, first, then written notice, if needed. A hand-out at Town Meeting of FAQ's may be helpful, a call to repeat violators would be in order – would GHDC provide a list? PH made motion to allow LUD to manage the process of temporary signs on town commons (ownership signature not required) & banners across Main St., 2nd-SJ; vote unanimous.*

Town Hall drainage project: - Michelle described the project including the fence removal & rain garden thus improving stormwater management and ADA requirement issues.

7:55 P: Lawrence Academy-14 Old Ayer Road: informal / preliminary discussion re: possible future faculty housing building(s). *LM recused. Dan Quaille, Linda Deasy present, parcel is 18+acres, may re-locate the tennis courts, considering 4 units with 8 parking spaces (2 in front, 8 to the rear), intending to leave as much of the tree canopy as possible. GHDC will want a site walk: Mon. 4/4 @ 5P, meet at 14 Old Ayer Rd. Units need variation & detail – too tall & massive compared to the main house; applicant urged to meet with the neighbors.*

Other Business: Accept new applications
 Minutes

30 Joy Ln: Al Friedrichs requesting change in replacement windows from Anderson 400 series Tiltwash to Anderson Woodright (using ½ screens, if available) and eliminate 1 window by changing to a door with a sidelight and also replace front door. SJ motion to accept as presented, 2nd-LM; vote-unanimous.

Town Hall parking lot project (see above): PH motion to approve as presented & if possible, save any mature vegetation (or plant a tree of similar size & type at SW corner of parking lot), 2nd-SJ; vote-unanimous.

Adjourned: 9:30P