

# Southbridge Historical Commission

## Minutes

Meeting held on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Town Hall.

**Present:** Evelyn A. Petrelli, Keith T. Vezeau, Helen Lenti and Margaret Morrissey.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm., chaired by Margaret Morrissey.

### **Minutes**

The July minutes were unavailable.

### **Photography Reproduction**

The labeling of the two series of photographs was discussed.

It is hoped to install the Central Street series in the upper level hallway in Town Hall and the Armory series at the Chestnut Street facility.

### **Budget**

\$750 is available to the Commission for the current financial year.

The Commissioners are requested to consider proposals for the disbursement of this budget for the next meeting.

Helen Lenti proposed a marker of some form be installed in the community, to recognize the contribution of John Wilbur Hicks and that Southbridge was the site of the birth of the fiber optic industry.

### **Treasurer**

Helen Lenti was proposed for the position of Treasurer

Proposed by Evelyn Petrelli,

Seconded by Keith Vezeau

### **Signage**

The Commission is dismayed at the lack of compliance with the signage bylaw. A discussion took place on how to proceed. As there are so many non compliant businesses, it was decided as a start with the latest approved signs paid for by the CBDG grants. Other businesses will be review thereafter.

**“That the bylaw on signage be enforced on the properties that were recipients of CBDG money for signage and façade improvement”**

Proposed Keith Vezeau

Seconded Evelyn Petrelli

## **New Sign Application**

Massachusetts Army National Guard  
310 Main Street

An application for a 1' x 7'11" x 1" (overall size) PVC sign was approved. All existing signage must be removed.

Proposed: Helen Lenti

Seconded: Evelyn Petrelli

## **Correspondence**

Economic Development Department has written asking for approval of a form that will be used to evaluate the CDBG. The form was accepted with a change to the last paragraph.

The Commission proposed:

“This project involves an important historical resource, and the Southbridge Historical Commission must approve the final plans and specifications.”

All other text to be deleted.

Proposed: Keith Vezeau

Seconded: Evelyn Petrelli

Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 8.22 p.m.

Next meeting is set for Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Margaret Morrissey  
Chairperson