

Southbridge Historical Commission

Minutes

Meeting September 25, 2007, held in the Recreation Room, Town Hall at 5:00pm

Attending: Margaret Morrissey, Peter Preble, Evelyn Petrelli, Helen Lenti

Excused: Robert Tremblay, Keith T. Vezeau

Meeting called to order at 5:15pm Margaret Morrissey in the chair.

Minutes of the August 16, 2007 meeting were accepted.

Moved – Helen Lenti

Seconded – Evelyn Petrelli

Minutes of the July meeting were not available and will be presented at the next meeting.

Old Business

Commission Treasurer Helen Lenti reported that the Commission has a budget of \$750 for the fiscal year. No monies have been expended to this date and all funds must be used by June 30, 2008. The Chair asked each Commissioner to think about items that the funds could be used for and make suggestions at the next meeting.

Photography Reproductions: The Chair reported that the photos are located in the Town Managers Office for safe keeping. The Central Street Photos will be installed on the Mezzanine Level of the Town Hall and the Photos of the Armory project will be installed at the Armory. Signage for these photos need to developed with appropriate verbiage. After the photos have been installed in the permanent location the Commission will undertake this task. The Chair will have the Photos for the next meeting of the Commission.

Commissioner Lenti proposed a plaque of some kind be developed in honor of the Fiber Optic industry in Southbridge. The Chair asked that some sort of proposal be drawn up and presented to the Commission at the next meeting.

Cease and Desist Order for Rite Aid Signage. A discussion took place about the recent order by the Inspectional Services Department on the signage at the Rite Aid pharmacy. As the Commission was not consulted regarding this matter. No action was taken.

A discussion took place on the redesign of the Sign Application to add space for the Director of Inspectional Services to sign as well as a statement regarding the removing of all existing signage at the location. The Commission also wishes to stress with the Inspectional Services Department that the application is reviewed to insure that it meets

all local and State Building Code Requirements. The Commission assumes that when the application comes before the body for consideration that it meets all applicable codes. The Signature of the Inspector will indicate that on the form. The Chair will write to the Department for a review of the form.

Signage

222 Main Street – Morrill & Morrill, PC A new sign was proposed for this location. The application was signed and plans reviewed favorably by the Commission.

Proposed – Peter Preble
Second – Evelyn Petrelli
Approved by the Commission.

A memo was received from the Economic Development Department regarding three properties that have applied for monies for various renovations.

95 Elm Street
185 Chapin Street
13 Oak Ridge Avenue

It was determined that all properties are outside of the district and therefore required no action by the Commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm

Respectfully Submitted

Peter-Michael Preble