



New Bedford Historical Commission

January 6, 2014 – 6:00 PM - **Minutes**

Room 314, City Hall, 133 William Street, New Bedford, MA

****View Agenda****

Members Present:

Diana Henry, Chairman

Bill King, Vice Chair

Bill Barr

James Lopes

Anne Louro

Jill Maclean

Corey Pacheco

Members Absent:

Keri Cox

Secretary:

Janine da Silva

1. Call to order:

D. Henry called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., confirming a quorum. The Chair indicated that B. Barr would serve in the vacant NPS position and J. Lopes would serve in the Local Organization position.

2. Approval of minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the 11.04.13 meeting was moved by B. Barr and seconded by B. King. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously. B. King noted that a correction on his vote was needed for the 12.02.13 minutes. **A motion to approve the minutes of 12.02.13 meeting with any necessary corrections was moved by B. King and seconded by C. Pacheco. All voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

3. Public Hearings:

21 Cove Street...demolition request

Roland Letendre, Outer Harbor LLC, 21 Cove Street, New Bedford, presented the application for the demolition. The applicant is in discussion with MA CEC to use the site to store wind blades. The applicant mentioned that the site is very constricted and that 11 Cove Street is a better site to develop.

A motion to open the public hearing was moved by B. King and seconded by B. Barr. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

J. Lopes – yes

J. Maclean – yes

B. King – yes

B. Barr – yes

C. Pacheco – yes

Public comments in favor: D. Santos, NB Economic Development Council, 1213 Purchase Street, New Bedford spoke in favor of the application. The applicant needs relief to

enlarge the site to be able to develop it. In addition proximity to the Dartmouth Finishing site and use as wind blade storage requires a larger site and footprint. Additional development of the site impacts the Marine Terminal development project. While the goal is to preserve as many mill buildings as possible, this site is better used for this type of development.

Public comments recorded in favor: None.

Public comments not in favor: None

Public comments recorded not in favor: None.

A motion to close the public hearing was moved by J. Lopes and seconded by C. Pacheco.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

J. Lopes – yes

J. Maclean – yes

B. King – yes

B. Barr – yes

C. Pacheco – yes

A motion to make a recommendation to the New Bedford City Council finding 21 Cove Street not historically significant and not preferably preserved was moved by C. Pacheco and seconded by B. Barr. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

J. Lopes – yes

J. Maclean – yes

B. King – yes

B. Barr – yes

C. Pacheco – yes

18 Johnny Cake Hill...infill construction Edward Howland, 14 Planting Island Road, Marion, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Chair of Building Committee began the presentation for the applicant introducing the project manager, Jeff Gouveia. Jeff Gouveia, 210 Coggeshall Avenue, Newport, Rhode Island discussed the project schedule and stated that the applicant had completed the schematic design phase with approval from the New Bedford Whaling Museum Board of Trustees. The construction documents are to be completed by March 2014, the construction bid will be released by April 2014 and construction will begin May 2014 and be completed by December 2014. Frank Tedesco, 9 Rocky Pasture Road, Gloucester, a principal of Mount Vernon Architects presented the application. Dennis Daley, 60 Highland Trail, Duxbury, Mount Vernon Architects presented the exterior elevations and spoke on the interior uses for the new structure. The Johnny Cake Hill elevation is residential scale and serves as an homage to the architecture of Johnny Cake Hill. The Union Street elevation is brick end, shed dormer roof with a service courtyard surrounded by a stone/iron fence that maintains the urban street edge. The North Water Street elevation is mercantile/commercial in nature and keeps the North Water Street edge. The construction would result in the removal of some parking spots in the Johnny Cake Hill lot and relocation of some of the chiller units. A. Louro asked about the window fenestration on Union Street. NBHC staff asked the applicant about the materials for the structure. The applicant presented the sample board for the cast stone and HardiPlank for the shed dormer. B. King asked about the plans for the Sundial Building and when the shutters would be replaced on the building.

A motion to open the public hearing was moved by B. King and seconded by C. Pacheco.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

J. Lopes – yes

J. Maclean – yes

B. King – yes

B. Barr – yes

C. Pacheco – yes

Public comments in favor: Derek Santos, NB Economic Development Council, 1213 Purchase Street, New Bedford spoke on the infill construction being a positive move forward and that it is fantastic that the NB Whaling Museum can expand its offerings in the downtown. Details of the project are important.

Public comments recorded in favor: None.

Public comments not in favor: None

Public comments recorded not in favor: None

A motion to close the public hearing was moved by B. King and seconded by J. Lopes. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

J. Lopes – yes

J. Maclean – yes

B. King – yes

B. Barr – yes

C. Pacheco – yes

B. Barr asked if the gable end could be expanded to the street edge. E. Howland responded that would be cost prohibitive and the service entry is seen as necessary. James Russell explained that the service court can be used for catering. A. Louro asked questions about the construction details and uniformity in the building details.

A motion to approve the application and grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for 18 Johnny Cake Hill with the following condition that the New Bedford Historical Commission as a committee of the whole review construction documents, color palette, materials, windows and any items within its purview was moved by J. Maclean and seconded by B. Barr. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

J. Lopes – yes

J. Maclean – yes

B. King – yes

B. Barr – yes

C. Pacheco – yes

18 Johnny Cake Hill...temporary plaza structures and signage Christina Connett, New Bedford Whaling Museum, presented the application on objects on the NBWM Plaza and signage.

A motion to open the public hearing was moved by B. King and seconded by C. Pacheco. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

J. Lopes – yes

J. Maclean – yes

B. King – yes

B. Barr – yes

C. Pacheco – yes

Public comments in favor: None

Public comments recorded in favor: None.

Public comments not in favor: None

Public comments recorded not in favor: None

A motion to close the public hearing was moved by B. King and seconded by J. Lopes. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

J. Lopes – yes

J. Maclean – yes

B. King – yes

B. Barr – yes

C. Pacheco – yes

A motion to approve the application and grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for 18 Johnny Cake Hill for the Squid, I am the Walrus, Vinyl Tuna, and metal cannon for a one year period expiring December 31, 2014 was moved by J. Maclean and seconded by B. King. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

J. Lopes – yes

J. Maclean – yes

B. King – yes

B. Barr – yes

C. Pacheco – yes

4. New Business:

Mary Rapoza, Director, New Bedford Parks & Recreation presented the landscape plans for the Route 18/Elm Street intersection and the relocation of the Mr. Steadfast Plaza.

No additional New Business was discussed and no motions were made at this time.

5. Old Business: Election of Officers

With the nomination of Diana Henry as Chair and Bill King as Vice Chair at the December meeting, the New Bedford Historical Commission voted unanimously to elect both.

18 Johnny Cake Hill – Board of Health

NBHC staff updated members on the violation situation. The Chair reported that the caterer has moved his location to Johnny Cake Hill in front of the Seamen's Bethel where she saw him on December 31, 2013. The Chair and members asked NBHC staff to follow-up with Brenda Weis of the Board of Health with the following questions:

- Ask her for the telephone number of the inspector so incidents can be reported immediately
- Is the truck a Board of Health approved cooking truck?
- Are there plans for an onsite kitchen at the New Bedford Whaling Museum?
- Is the Board of Health aware of events through the Licensing Board?

NBHC members also asked staff to research file for the CA regarding the shutters and balustrade on the Sundial Building.

No additional Old Business was discussed and no motions were made at this time.

6. The next regular commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at 33 William Street, New Bedford.

7. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was moved by B. Barr and seconded by B. King. All voted in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8.02 p.m