

WINCHESTER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for January 17, 2019

A meeting of the Winchester Historic Preservation Commission was held on Thursday, January 17th @ 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City Commission Chambers. J.R. Wilhite, Chairman, presided.

Commissioners present: Chairman J. R. Wilhite, Chris Thornbury, Jack Jones & Bobby Shook. Commissioners Mark Arnold & Drew Graham were absent. *Additional attendees:* Planning Staff – Debbie Greene & Rachel Alexander.

Consideration of Minutes: Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order and presented the August 16th 2018 minutes & the Oct. 18th 2018. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Mr. Thornbury 2nd the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Rob Long – 10 S. Main & 17 W. Lexington Ave. – Letters sent for violations. Chairman Wilhite explained the situation. The property at 17 W. Lexington Ave. Mr. Long has placed new windows that are in violation of the Historical overlay design guidelines. A letter was sent by code enforcement officer informing him of the violation. The other building at 10 S. Main St. was also in violation of the design guidelines removing bricks and he didn't apply for a COA permit for either property. Mr. Long did not respond to letters sent to him. Chairman Wilhite stated the HPC doesn't have the ability to impose fines. Mrs. Greene will ask Rob Jeffries his opinion on which way to go on this. This can go to the administrative hearing board, but this board doesn't meet until April.

2019 Historic Preservation Awards: Chairman Wilhite said the Heritage Commission has already approved its participation and assigned a board member to represent them. He and Mr. Thornbury would be glad to represent the HPC on the awards board. He would like to get the HPC boards approval to engage in the awards program again this year. He said they will come back in April for approval of specific awards. Mr. Shook made a motion for the HPC to participate in the awards again. Mr. Jones 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Comments: Mrs. Alexander passed out an annual report from Main Street Winchester. She stated in 2015 they had about had about \$600,000 reinvested in downtown Winchester and last year there was over 7 million reinvested and over 6 million was from private investment and this was only completed projects. She stated the City Commission voted to rebid the Sphar project for stabilization only.

Public Comments: There were none.

Adjournment: Mr. Thornbury made a motion to adjourn meeting. Mr. Jones made a second. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40

Planning Director

Chairman