

## HARTFORD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

### Approved Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Susanne Walker Abetti, Robin Adair Logan, Pat Stark and Chair Jonathan Schechtman.

**Staff Present:** Town Planner Matt Osborn.

**Others Present:** Planning Commission member Dennis Brown.

A remote meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission in compliance with the Vermont Open Meeting Law was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Chair Jonathan Schechtman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He proceeded to read the “Remote Public Meeting Script for Opening a Meeting” related to Act 92.

1. Minutes of the December 16, 2020 HHPC Meeting: Jonathan Schechtman asked if there are any corrections to the Minutes of December 16<sup>th</sup>. Susanne Walker Abetti noted two corrections. Robin Adair Logan made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 16<sup>th</sup> with the noted corrections. The motion was seconded by Pat Stark and unanimously approved.
2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda: Jonathan Schechtman asked if there are any additions to the agenda. There were none.
3. Demolition Standards Project: Matt Osborn reported that it is taking longer than expected maneuvering through the contract documents noting changes in insurance requirements for consultants. He hopes to have a signed contract with consultant Brandy Saxton by next week. Matt said the next step would be to schedule a kick-off meeting with Brandy. He asked the HHPC about their availability to meet the week of February 1<sup>st</sup>. It was agreed to meet at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Matt will confirm the meeting date and time with Brandy and confirm with the HHPC.
4. 2021 CLG Grant Application: Matt Osborn reported that he submitted the CLG grant application last month to do research and prepare a study/report on the history of performing arts in Hartford and include an oral history component. The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will be meeting tomorrow to make the awards. Matt will contact the HHPC as soon as he receives word.
5. White River Junction Sign: Matt Osborn reported that the “White River Junction” sign that Parks and Recreation Department Director Scott Hausler found in the Railroad Station was moved to the Town Hall. Matt stated that he will measure the sign and get back to the HHPC to come up with ideas on where to locate the sign in the Town Hall. Matt noted that erecting the sign will require approval of the Town Manager’s office.
7. Announcements:
  - a. Roy Black Stepping Down from HHPC: Matt Osborn reported that Roy Black has decided to step down from the HHPC this month with his term expiring. Jonathan Schechtman thanked Roy for his service and credited him for his knowledge of Hartford’s history. Jonathan added that he hopes Roy will stay involved with historic preservation in Hartford.
  - b. Dennis Brown Application to Serve on HHPC: Matt Osborn reported that Dennis Brown submitted an application to serve on the HHPC. He is scheduled for an interview with the Selectboard on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The HHPC wished Dennis luck with the interview.

8. Next HHPC Meeting: Jonathan Schechtman reported that the next HHPC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.
9. Adjournment: Robin Adair Logan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Susanne Walker Abetti and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.