

Town of Ipswich Architectural Preservation District Commission
Regular Meeting
January 27, 2016
Mary Conley Room - Town Hall

Minutes

Members Present: Chris Morse, John Fiske, Mitchell Lowe, Peter Bubriski and Will Thompson

Alternate Members Present: Ruth Strachan and Nancy Carlisle

Staff Present: None

Others Present: Paul Seaman. 11 Warren Street, Ipswich, MA

1. Call to Order. Mr. Morse called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

2. APDC Guidelines and Rules and Regulations

Mr. Morse adjusted the agenda to begin the meeting with a discussion of the APDC Guidelines draft. Members proposed numerous changes to text throughout the document, which Mr. Thompson annotated accordingly. Mr. Bubriski commented that the document is inviting. Mr. Fiske proposed moving the definitions to the end. There was general consensus to have it remain in the beginning as with other Ipswich bylaw structures. Ms. Strachan commented that the document needs style work. Mr. Thompson proposed getting the draft completed and refining the style once the content had been approved by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen.

There was general consensus not to include recommendations on exterior paint colors. Mr. Fiske proposed including references specifically covering colors.

Mr. Thompson proposed to receive additional edits and citations through Sunday at which point he would compile and send to Mr. Morse for forwarding to the Planning Board.

3. Citizens Queries

Mr. Morse asked if there were any citizens' queries. Mr. Seaman volunteered to relay opinions of the proposed 84 High Street barn conversion design to the owners on behalf of the APDC. Mr. Thompson responded that the established hearing process should be followed in lieu of liaising on behalf of the Commission.

4. Minutes and Matters Arising

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Ms. Strachan proposed listing herself and Ms. Carlisle as alternates. Ms. Carlisle proposed that the last sentence from the previous meeting minutes be clarified. Mr. Thompson agreed to submit a revision incorporating both changes. The minutes were otherwise approved.

5. Ipswich Old Town Hall

Mr. Fiske provided an overview of the proposed reuse plan and jurisdiction of the Ipswich Historic Commission (IHC) under the preservation restriction. Furthermore, that the APDC would eventually comment on the drawings, specifically with regard to the proposed window and style schedules. Mr. Bubriski commented that the project would prove a good example project to consider reuse through the ages while also developing the working relationship between the IHC and the APDC.

6. Closing

The Commission decided the next meeting would be a public hearing to be held on February 3rd.

Mr. Morse moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Mr. Bubriski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Will Thompson, Secretary

Attachments: none