



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
April 10, 2013
Work Session at 3:30 p.m.
Judge Welsh Hearing Room

Members Present: **Mr. John Dowd, Chair,** **Mr. David McGlothlin**
 Mr. Lance Hatch, **Ms. Polly Burnell**
 Ms. Marcene Marcoux

Excused Absence: **Mr. Thomas Biggert,** **Mr. Ryan Landry**

Other Staff Present: **Ms. Maxine Notaro, Permit Coordinator**

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Dowd at 3:30 p.m.

General Public Comments:

No general statements from the public were made.

Discussion on Solar Panels:

Ms. Lydia Hamquist, and Ms. Amy German from the Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee expressed to the Commission the benefits and savings that will come from the installation of LED street lighting sponsored by the Cape Light Compact. The annual savings to the Town is around \$21,000. In the spirit of working together the Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee would like to work closely with the Historic District Commission to come to a common ground on the use of Renewable Energy technologies in a Historic District.

Ms. Hamquist recommended the Commissioners conduct a site visit downtown and on Court Street to view the LED lights that have been installed to allow for public feedback.

Commissioner Polly Burnell sought clarification regarding the Recycle and Renewable Energy Committees position on the use of LED lights for street lighting. It was Commissioner Burnell's understanding in speaking with a different member of the Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee that it was the committee's intent to recommend holding off on the use of LED street lighting until the lighting cast and glare improved. Ms. Burnell stated it is not the intention of the Historic District Commission to be obstructionist regarding the use of LED lights, rather it was her understanding the H.D.C. and the R.R.E committees had agreed to hold off on the use of LED lighting in a Historic District until more research could be done.

Commissioner Lance Hatch inquired as to what the Cape Light Compact is using as their method for public feedback and feels the Historic District Commission should be able to draft a letter stating their position with the use of LED lighting in a Historic District.

Commissioner John Dowd feels LED lighting and the cast of blue light they emit isn't appropriate in a Historic District and would like to see the use of a more historically appropriate lighting fixture on a lower pole.

Commissioner David McGlothlin and Commissioner Marcene Marcoux requested more information regarding the using of solar shingles in a Historic District and what other Historic District Commissions are handling the proposed use of renewable energy technologies in a Historic District.

Amy German, Resident, requested the HDC give perimeters/ guidelines around the use of Solar Panels so the public has an idea what they can do.

The Commission explained to Ms. German that it's the Historic District Commissions charge to protect the Historic character of the time and would rather reserve the right to look at all applications proposing the use of Renewable Energy technologies on a case by case basis.

The Historic District Commission and the Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee feel a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen may be beneficial in working toward common ground with the use of Renewable Energy technologies in a Historic District.

The Commission thanked Ms. Hamquist and Ms. German for their input and time.

Discussion on Revision of Decision Form:

The Commission reviewed the revised Decision Form and came to a general consensus that the original decision form would be more appropriate than the revised one.

A motion made by Commissioner John Dowd not to accept the revised decision form and to continue using the original form. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David McGlothlin. VOTE 5-0-0.

Discussion on Application Form:

The Commission felt it was appropriate to table the discussion to the meeting of April 17, 2013.

Discussion on Demolition Delay Bylaw:

The Commissioners agreed that the Demolition Delay Bylaw has unanimous support; stating the Demolition Delay plays a very important role in giving time for a member of the public to express interest in a structure prior to its demolition giving them the opportunity to preserve the structure.

Any other business that shall properly come before the Board:

The Commission felt it was important to officially adopt their Solar Panel Info sheet and publish it on the Town's Website for public knowledge.

A motion made by Commissioner David McGlothlin to adopt the Solar Panel Info sheet as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marcene Marcoux. VOTE 5-0-0.

Adjournment:

A motion made by Commissioner Polly Burnell to adjourn the meeting of the Historic District Commission at 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner John Dowd. VOTE 5-0-0.

The next meeting of the Historic District Commission will be held on April 17, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the Judge Welsh Hearing Room, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Atwood

Edward F. Atwood
Recording Secretary

Approved by _____ on _____ 2013.