

FINAL

**LEBANON HERITAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL or
REMOTE VIA VIRTUAL PLATFORM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021
LebanonNH.gov/Live
7:00 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Boisvert (Vice Chair), Devin Wilkie (City Council Representative),
Jeremy Rutter (Planning Board Rep.), Matthew Smith and Nicole Ford
Burley (City Historian)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Zook (Alt. Council Rep),

STAFF PRESENT: David Brooks (Planning and Development Director)

GUESTS: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Boisvert called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 8, 2021

Amendments to the Minutes:

Page 2, line 4- change to “will be updated”

Page 2, line 8- change to “One of the purposes”

Mr. Rutter MOVED to approve the September 8, 2021 minutes as amended.

Seconded by Mr. Wilkie

**The MOTION was unanimously approved (5-0)*

3. PUBLIC REVIEW

A. None

4. STUDY ITEMS

A. Colburn Park Historic District Update

The final CLG report has been submitted to the Division of Historic Resources and the final invoice has been received from Ms. Papazian. A copy of the final report, which includes suggestions regarding possible next steps for the project, was shared with Commission members. Mr. Brooks encouraged the members to think about which step they would like to pursue. Letters of Intent for the next round of CLG grants will be due soon. Mr. Brooks will review the CLG application before the next meeting and report back with exact due dates for the next round.

B. Dana House

Ms. Hains has the 3-D camera on loan from the library. Mr. Brooks has no knowledge of any definitive plans for filming the Dana House.

C. Special Projects- Landmark Designations

Vice Chair Boisvert reported that Mr. Peter DeCato has confirmed his interest in obtaining a Landmark designation for his property. Mr. DeCato is considering selling the property in the near future and has questions regarding what a Landmark designation would mean for the future owners. Mr. Brooks will reach out to Mr. DeCato with more information about the Landmark designation process. Vice Chair Boisvert offered to do some research on the history of Mr. DeCato's property.

5. Other Business

A. Soldier's Memorial Sculpture rehab

Mr. Brooks gave an update on the plan to rehabilitate the Soldier's Memorial. The cannonball monument is in particularly poor shape; it will be cleaned up and covered this Fall. Over the winter, DPW will obtain estimates for the monument's restoration and start the process of applying for funding (Moose Plate grant, etc.). The soldier statue and guns do not require restoration at this time.

B. Westboro Rail Yard

The State has begun the demolition work at Westboro Yard. The City of Lebanon is preparing to ask the DOT for a 99- year lease on the property and a variety of efforts are currently underway to determine the best way to utilize the property. Ideas include: trails, a playing field, Recreation Department storage, skating rinks, a splash pad, picnic tables, a pavilion and green space. Concepts for accessing the property (all access must be at least 25 ft from the tracks), as well as its future use, will be presented to the DOT; finalizing the lease could take as long as a year. The Planning Board, West Lebanon Revitalization Committee and the Arts & Culture Commission will all be involved in designing plaques and markers to commemorate the history of the railroad; this is also an opportunity for the Heritage Commission to be involved. Celebrating the history of Westboro Yard and showcasing the future plans for the property would be an appropriate topic for the mall kiosk. Ms. Ford Burley offered to provide access to Historic Society photos/materials for a mall kiosk display.

6. Open to the Public

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wilkie MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Seconded by Mr. Rutter.

** The MOTION was unanimously approved (5-0).*

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Castillo
Recording Secretary