

FINAL

**LEBANON HERITAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL or
REMOTE VIA VIRTUAL PLATFORM
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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021
7:00 pm**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Zook (Alt. Council Rep), Devin Wilkie (City Council
Representative)

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: October 13, 2021

Amendments to the Minutes:

Page 2, line 13- change to “monument's”

Mr. Rutter MOVED to approve the October 13, 2021 minutes as amended.

Seconded by Mr. Smith.

****The MOTION was unanimously approved (4-0)***

3. PUBLIC REVIEW

A. None

4. STUDY ITEMS

A. Discussion: Future CLG grant options

Mr. Rutter discussed the historical significance of the Seminary Hill school building, which first opened in 1855 as a Women's Seminary. The building later served as a military academy, high school and elementary school, before closing in 2012. Mr. Rutter suggested adding this property to the National Register as a potential CLG project. Another suggestion was to move forward with the creation of a Crafts Avenue historic district; this area has already been deemed eligible to become a historic district by DHR. The next steps would include reaching out to the property owners in the potential Crafts Avenue district and educating them as to the benefits and implications of the project. Getting the property owners engaged is key to the success of the project. There are a couple of different types of historic districts, including: character, local regulatory and National Register. Mr. Brooks will get clarification as to the distinctions between these types of districts and their requirements to present at the December meeting.

B. Discussion: Review and Update of Historic District Regulations

As recommended in Ms. Papazian's report, a review and update of the historic district regulations would be helpful for future projects. One suggestion is to look at the regulations in other established historic districts, such as Rochester. Ms. Papazian could also be contacted for guidance with this project.

C. Discussion: Landmark Designations

Mr. Boisvert reported no further communication with Mr. DeCato regarding his property. Mr. Rutter suggested the Seminary Hill school but Mr. Brooks confirmed that the property has already received a landmark designation. Another suggestion was to recognize the ski jumps at Storrs Hill for their cultural and historical significance. The first ski jump at Storrs Hill was erected in 1936. It may also be possible to have the ski jumps added to the National Register of Historic Places. The Nansen Ski Jump in Milan, NH was also built in 1936 and has already been added to the National Register.

D. Discussion: Mall Kiosk Update

Ms. Ford Burley believes that she can locate photos for a display on the history of the Storrs Hill ski jumps. This could include mention of New Hampshire's bid as a possible site for the 1944 Winter Olympics. Other members offered to contact the Lebanon Outing Club for pictures and information.

5. Other Business

A. Review 2022 Meeting Calendar

After a brief discussion, the members agreed to keep the same meeting time- second Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

6. Open to the Public

None

7. Future Agenda Items

A. Discussion: Commemorating Westboro Yard History

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM.

Seconded by Mr. Rutter.

**** The MOTION was unanimously approved (4-0).***

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Castillo
Recording Secretary