

FINAL

**LEBANON HERITAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL or
REMOTE VIA VIRTUAL PLATFORM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13th, 2022
LebanonNH.gov/Live
7:00 pm**

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

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

STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Owens (Associate Planner)

GUESTS: Noel Figart

1. CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Ford Burley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Noel Figart attended the meeting because of the call for members of the Heritage Commission. Noel was observing the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 9, 2022

***Mr. Rutter MOVED to approve the March 9, 2022 minutes as amended.
Seconded by Ms. Ford Burley.***

Amendments to the Minutes:

Page 1, Line 2 Change "Vice Chair" to "Chair"

****The MOTION was approved (3-0)***

3. PUBLIC REVIEW:

A. None

4. STUDY ITEMS:

A. SPECIAL PROJECTS-

Historic Districts-None

Landmark Designations-Vice Chair Ford Burley provided additional information on ten properties so that should start to move things along. Ms. Owens suggested submitting the ten properties as a bundle with the historical content that was on the form that the consultant from the state gave that documents the significance of those properties. Ms. Owens will be making phone calls to the property owners. Vice Chair Ford Burley explained her research on the 10 properties and where she did her research.

Oral History-None

B. DANA HOUSE- Ms. Owens explained that Dana House was a big project, and she was currently working on the CLG 2022 grant application for the Colburn Historic District expansion. That application was due in mid-May. Once that was done, she could focus more on the Dana House.

C. EDUCATION-Ms. Owens said that the Heritage Commission usually liked to promote some topic or interest in the Lebanon News. It is not required but they could let her know if there was something they would like to put in the news. This could also include educational topics and opportunities for the Heritage Board.

Vice Chair Ford Burley suggested that Westboro education might be of value and interest to the public. Mr. Rutter said there was an article in the Valley News about new housing coming into historical areas and the impact that so many people moving in would make on the city. Discussion was had on other times in history when the population increased greatly in a short period of time.

D. CLG 2022 GRANT APPLICATION FOR COLBURN HISTORIC DISTRICT EXPANSION- Ms. Owens was currently working on the application for the 2022 grant. It is due by mid-May.

5. OTHER BUSINESS: Ms. Owens discussed the plans the city has for the Westboro property. While not much has been done on the ground, a lot had been done on paper. There is a trail planned to go along the river from Bridge Street Park almost all the way up to the dry bridge. There are two designs of how the trail may be aligned. A final decision on which will be chosen has not been made yet. Bridge Street Park is on city property and the look of the park was still being worked on. Currently the city staff are working on funding for the park.

On the Main Street project, a survey and study were done, and a conceptual design had been worked on. Ms. Owens showed a conceptual streetscape design for Main Street and explained what the plans were for all of it.

She told the Commission that on April 19th there would be a community walk and conversation planned for West Lebanon to explain the streetscape plan for Main Street. The walk would take place first and then the conversation would take place at the Kilton Library.

A. 1 FOUNDRY STREET TOUR-Ms. Owens reported that there was a conceptual application for adaptive re-use for 1 Foundry Street and 25 Mechanic Street. The applicant would like to put in a multi-family development complex with common areas. It is a 5-acre property with 4 buildings currently sitting on it. The laundromat will be demolished to make way for multi-family housing while the mills will be redeveloped. This project was in the early stages of planning. The applicant would like to add the mill to the National Historic registry. Ms. Owens read the narrative of the project and then showed some proposed design photos.

6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A. DPW PROJECTS- None

8. ADJOURNMENT

***Mr. Rutter MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM.
Seconded by Mr. Smith.***

**** The MOTION was unanimously approved (3-0).***

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Higgins