

Wiscasset Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes, 3/1/18

Present: John Reinhardt, Gordon Konrath, Wendy Donovan

1) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

2) Consideration of minutes

Al moved to accept the minutes of the 2/15/18 meeting as presented. The motion passed 3-0.

3) Certificate of Appropriateness review

a) Terri Heller, 2 Morton St – porch addition. The applicant wants to add a farmer's porch with detailing to match the existing porch. Wendy moved to approve the application dated 11/15 as written. The motion passed 3-0.

b) Michael & Patricia Carolan, 4 Shinbone Alley – new construction. Wendy moved to approve the application as written. The motion passed 3-0.

4) Public comment

There was no public comment.

5) Discussion of modifications to the Historic Preservation Ordinance

John contacted Megan Hopkins regarding the points that Maine Preservation recommended we change in order to become a CLG. Megan said she had sent a copy of the suggested changes to Ben, and Marian is currently looking for that copy. Megan has said she will revisit our ordinance and get back to us with any other suggestions. We need to get changes to Susan Blagden ASAP so that they can be written up and go through the process to make the June warrant.

6) Old business

Maine Street – Al spoke with Mary Ellen Barnes regarding getting community involvement in the Maine Street project. In '01-02 it was discussed but didn't happen. In light of the current situation within the community, Barnes felt that becoming a Maine Street community would be a way to bring the community together. She has let her contacts know that the HPC is looking into becoming a Maine Street community. Susan Blagden suggested that we should be prepared to make a simple presentation of the benefits of becoming a Maine Street community.

7) New business

Al asked if there is a way to add properties outside of the existing Historic District to the district if the property owner is interested, or to keep properties in the district that might be changed due to the re-sizing of the district. Susan said she would look into how that could work.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm

The next commission meeting will be Thursday, March 15 at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the fire station.