

# NASHUA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Monday, 11 December 2006, 6:30 p.m. - Room 208, City Hall

## *Members:*

Roberta Woitkowski, Chair  
Michael Findley  
Bill Hooley  
Frank Mellen  
Bob Sampson  
Bill Slivinski  
Randy Wilbert  
Alderman Dan Richardson

## *Also present:*

Carter Falk, Planning Department

*34 Railroad Square – Sheet 43, Lot 33, Property Account #14,502 – D-1/MU Zone – 28-34 Railroad Square, LLC (owner) – Amherst Check Cashing (applicant) – Requesting to install an 8 square foot non-illuminated sign  
Robin Casey, K.C. Signs*

## **Elections**

The newly elected officers are:

Chair – Roberta Woitkowski  
Vice-Chair – Bob Sampson

## **28-34 Railroad Square – Amherst Check Cashing**

The applicant would like to install a 1' x 8' non-illuminated sign. The business is located between the Riverwalk Café and The Tattoomb Parlor. The 8 November 2006 application showed the sign as yellow and black on a flat aluminum panel with vinyl graphics. On the left side, "Amherst Check Cashing" would have black lettering with a yellow background, while on the right side the "Western Union" would have a black background and yellow lettering. Ms. Casey said she did not design the sign, but was hired to install the sign.

The members felt that eventually the Western Union logo/colors would be on the sign and/or in the window. They also want the sign to be compatible with the other existing signs on the building. Discussion ensued on ideas with Ms. Casey on changes to the sign.

*The project was unanimously tabled to the January 2007 meeting.*

## **58 Lowell Street - Unitarian Universalist Church**

Alderman Richardson was concerned about the wall and fence at the church cemetery and how much of an easement the church has next to the street. Mr. Sampson said he could look in the vault at the church, but he didn't think there was a survey at the church regarding the cemetery and the wall. Alderman Richardson also didn't know if the church would need a permit if they needed to change or repair the wall and discussion ensued.

Mr. Sampson, who is a member of the church, said this issue started due to the church's ongoing problem with a shortage of parking. They had asked the city if they could park on the cemetery side of Whitney Street on Sundays, which is currently not allowed. Because of objections from the neighbors and problems with emergency vehicles not having enough room to pass if both sides of the street have cars, particularly in winter, the church rescinded the request.

Afterwards, another request for a sidewalk on the cemetery side of Whitney Street came up and the church was asked if they would pay for it. Mr. Sampson said they would not pay for it.

### **28 Railroad Square – Salon Mercede Sign**

Mr. Hooley brought a picture of their sign and felt it was not the sign that they approved. It looks like a temporary sign. Mr. Falk will check into it.

### **52 Main Street - Jackson Falls**

Mr. Sampson wondered if their roof is cooper. Mr. Falk will also check regarding the roof.

### **Miscellaneous**

Mr. Slivinski suggested they meet every month, even if there isn't a case, so they could work on a project to say they have made people more proud to be part of the Historic District. Members said they like the Historic District signs. Mr. Sampson suggested they could work on what areas could be added to the District and how they could achieve that goal. Mr. Sampson also felt the Nashua Manufacturing sign could be refreshed up and repainted, as it is a significant part of Nashua's history. Questions about the drafting of the updated HDC Handbook were also discussed. It was suggested the members make recommendations and vote on them for their goal in 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.