

# NASHUA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Monday, 22 January 2007, 6:30 p.m. - Room 208, City Hall

## *Members:*

Michael Findley  
Bill Hooley  
Frank Mellen  
Bob Sampson  
Bill Slivinski  
Randy Wilbert

## *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*

*69 Concord Street – Sheet 47, Lot 23, Property account #12,284 – RA Zone – Gregg and Marnie Gordon (owners) – Request to construct a two-story home addition with wrap-around porch*

*Ken Richard, Silver Modeling, contractor*

## **Minutes**

All of the previous minutes were approved unanimously:

26 June 2006 – Motion by Mr. Slivinski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Findley

17 July 2006 – Motion by Mr. Slivinski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellen

27 November 2006 – Motion by Mr. Findley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellen; Mr. Slivinski abstained

11 December 2006 – Motion by Mr. Mellen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Findley

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

This case was tabled from the 11 December 2006 meeting. The business is located between the Riverwalk Café and The Tattoomb Parlor. The applicant did not attend this meeting, but Mr. Falk did receive a copy of a new 2-color sign. Previously submitted was a non-illuminated 1' x 8' aluminum sign with vinyl graphics; the revised sign would now be 2" longer and 2" taller which still meets the ordinance regulations. The new sign would be wood, routed, and painted with a black background and yellow lettering and have a border and a softer look.

*With Mr. Hooley making the motion and Mr. Mellen seconding, the amended plan as presented tonight was unanimously approved.*

## **69 Concord Street**

The Gordon's purchased the property in August 2006. They would like to construct an 880 square foot two-story home addition with a wrap-around porch. As you are looking at the house from the street, the addition would be on the right side and continue along the back of the house. The first floor would have a kitchen expansion with a dining nook and the second floor would have a master suite and a hall to the renovated master bath space. Proposed plans, existing pictures, GIS location map, and product information and samples were submitted. The home has cedar clapboard. Much of the existing clapboard siding and materials they remove for the addition would be reused; any additional items they need would match the existing house. The addition would go around the existing bulkhead. The brick staircase will be removed; the new

staircase may be granite. The roof over the porch would be copper to match existing details on the home and a slate roof would be above to match the existing roof. Slate from the roof of the back of the house would be removed and placed on the street side of the addition to make sure it blended with the existing slate; they would then use the new slate material on the other portions of the addition. The concrete foundation of the porch would have a granite veneer to match the existing house foundation. Currently there is 10-11' between the house and the rear garage; the addition would add 4' to the rear of the house. Some of the driveway pavement would be removed since the porch roof will overhang into the driveway. Mr. Richard said the addition would probably not be done until the fall; the final design for the interior still needs to be done. They wanted to get approval of the outside design first before they continued.

*With Mr. Wilbert making the motion and Mr. Slivinski seconding, the plan as presented was unanimously approved.*

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

Mr. Falk verified that the roof is copper.

## **Miscellaneous**

The members thought of ideas that the HDC could/could not do.

Mr. Slivinski suggested they ask the Board of Aldermen for \$10,000 to be used for several things: Signs/plaques could be installed (maybe by DPW or Parks Department) that tell you are entering the Historic District plus have information about it. They could also have a program to have a standard house plaque for the homes in the HD that would include the Nashville Historic emblem and the name/year of the house. The HDC could group the orders together so the cost would be lower. These plaques would make people more aware and proud they are in the district. It was noted that some homes do have plaques that were done by Carl Marshall Signs.

Mr. Mellen said he had several signs installed that say Nashville District. He listed about 6 locations of where they are.

Another suggestion would be to paint the sidewalk for a walking tour and/or have a brochure that would have information about the homes.

It was suggested that if they couldn't get the city's funding to try private resources.

Mr. Wilbert, along with other members, still felt they should try to expand the geographical area of the HD. Mr. Hooley will come up with a plan to expand the HD.

Mr. Sampson said the revisions they had made to the HDC ordinance which they had passed on to the Planning Department never got incorporated. They will need to revive it and present it before the aldermen.

## **Traditional Building Exhibition and Conference**

The Traditional Building Exhibition and Conference will be held in Boston this year from March 7-10, 2007 at the Hynes Convention Center. There are many seminars at the conference, but there is no charge for the Exhibition Hall if you register by February 21<sup>st</sup>. It has many sources for historical resources for materials and information.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.