

NASHUA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Thursday, 28 April 2008, 6:30 p.m. – Room 208, City Hall

Members:

Michael Findley
Frank Mellen
Bob Sampson
Bill Slivinski
Dave Maclaughlin, Alderman
Michael Tamposi, Alderman
Mayor Donnalee Lozeau

Also present:

Marcia Wilkins, Planning Department

*1 Main Street – Sheet 68, Lot 119, D1 Zone – The Counseling Center – 1) Requesting to relocate the existing sign to a visible location at the corner of Main and Amherst Streets; 2) Requesting to erect a second story and attic to match the existing historic building
Evan Greenwald, owner*

1 Main Street – Relocate sign

Mr. Greenwald purchased the building in 1993 and his business “The Counseling Center” is in the building. He would like to relocate the existing sign and ground-based floodlights (one for each side of the sign) to a more visible location. Pictures of the present sign and the proposed location were submitted. The current sign is in the lawn portion of the main L shaped building. The sign was previously moved to a horizontal position to help his clients coming down Amherst Street see the sign, but his clients coming from Concord Street have a difficult time finding the building. Mr. Greenwald said the current sign location is no longer visible due to the growth of landscaping and the change in the traffic pattern at the corner of Main Street. The building shares a driveway with 5-9 Main Street. The sign would be moved next to that shared driveway, closer to the traffic light and at the setback line.

With Mr. Mellen making the motion and Mr. Findley seconding, the proposed application was unanimously approved.

1 Main Street – Erect second story and attic

Mr. Greenwald submitted plans, drawings and pictures of the building. He would like to add a second story and attic to the top of the addition located in the rear of the main building. Located next to the parking lot, the 26’ x 38’ addition was added around 1987 and has a flat roof. That roof is now leaking and has caused a lot of water damage. Mr. Greenwald was surprised that the addition was approved, as he doesn’t consider it historic in character. He felt this new addition would be more in keeping with the historic building and he would match the rooflines, windows, clapboard siding, etc. of the main building. The addition would provide him with 4 or 5 more counseling offices. The addition is not visible from Amherst or Concord Streets. He may have to remove the birch tree, but that tree may already be diseased, so it might need to be removed anyway.

With Mr. Slivinski making the motion and Mr. Findley seconding, the proposed application was unanimously approved.

Miscellaneous

Mayor Lozeau came to learn about the HDC meetings and meet the members. She also spoke about filling the vacant positions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.