Historic District & Historic Properties Commission Minutes for Tuesday, September 19, 2017 – 7:00 pm

Present: Peter Brazaitis IV, Joann Hohensee, Greg Marshall, Carole Romano

Absent: Power Boothe, Bree Gurin

Also present: Tim Pikiell, and Josee Albertson-Grove, Republican-American reporter

Quorum established. Meeting opened at 7:05 pm by Chairman Carole Romano.

Pre-hearing for Application #88: Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, #6 & #14 Birge Park Road, submitted an application for razing of the former church school brick building that is located at north side of property, on the edge of the parking area. Mr. Tim Pikiell of Pikiell & Son, LLC of Bristol was present on behalf of the church to explain the project. Republican-American reporter Josee Albertson-Grove was also present. The school was built in 1966 on a slab foundation, and for the past 10-15 years has been unusable and vacant, because of mold and water damage issues. Asbestos is also present in the building. A preliminary hazmat study of the building was begun in 2011. Ms. Romano asked if there were any architectural features of the building worth saving or could a careful deconstruction be done to recycle any important architectural details. Mr. Pikiell replied there was nothing worth saving. After removal of building, a final grading of site will be done and grass will be planted. Timetable for the project is to begin in October to have the building taken down and property graded and seeded before winter. There is no talk about extending the parking lot. With no further discussion, the pre-hearing was closed. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

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New Business: The Town Clerk has requested the Commission's Annual Report for 2016-2017 be submitted by November 1, 2017.

Other Business: The Commission is seeking to fill a vacancy for an alternate member living within the Historic District.

With no further business the meeting, was adjourned at 7:33 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Hohensee, Secretary HD&HPC

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