

Town of Westminster Historic Review Board Meeting

Monday, June 18, 2018

Present: Peter Terrell, Matt Sargent and Tony Diorio

Others Present: Russell Hodgkins (Town Manager/ Zoning Admin.), Jonathan Whitman (Applicant), & Nancy Dalzell

Absent:

1. **Call to Order:** Peter Terrell (Chair) called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM in the Westminster Town Hall.
2. **Adjustments to Agenda:** The ZA asked to add 8A. To have the Chair bring the Board into Deliberative Session. The Chair accepted the adjustment.
3. **Acceptance of Oct. 24, 2017 Minutes:** Tony Diorio made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Peter Terrell seconded. The motion passed.
4. **Communications and Public Comments:** None
6. **Unfinished Business (Discussion/Action):**
 - A.) **Historic Building Verifications:** The ZA asked if any further actions had happened. The Board will get this project done as soon as possible.
7. **New Business (Discussion/ Action):**
 - A. **Jonathan Whitman's multiple projects at 18 Metcalf Drive;**

The Zoning Administrator presented to the Historic Review Board the documents received from Jonathan Whitman and asked Mr. Whitman to give a brief overlay of the projects.

Tony Diorio (Tony) started the questioning with the request for clarification of ownership of the property because address and phone number are not local. Jonathan Whitman (Jon) said he was in fact the Owner and that he has been in the house approximately 3 years. Jon went on to say that he was not aware of the Historic District in which he purchased his house when buying the house. He explained the debacle of the septic system layout for the neighborhood that was not disclosed at the signing. Tony explained the structure of the HRB and their burden of keeping the integrity of the Historic Village intact. Tony explained that a few of the projects that Mr. Whitman was proposing are not historical in definition and he will need to get creative if he plans on proceeding with these projects. Jon responded that if he was denied any of these he would obtain legal counsel and settle this in court. Matt Sargent (Matt) asked Mr. Whitman if he knew why this HRB existed and he responded to give taxpayers a hard time. Peter Terrell (Peter) asked about the shed and how this was going to effect the overall look of the front of his house and why was it so big. Mr. Whitman explained that he is handicapped and everything he is proposing is for ease of living at his home. He has motorcycles and stuff that he doesn't want outside to the weather. After a few more questions about the consistency of character of his master plan for aesthetics, Mr. Whitman said he was going to do the best that he can do and he doesn't allow crap being placed at his site. He continued telling the Board that this work was going to be done one way or another. Court will be an option. The Board Chair asked Nancy Dalzell if she wanted to say anything to the Board and she replied not at this time.

The Board then went into deliberative session at 5:12 PM which was declared by the Chair.

The Board came out of deliberative session at 5:54 PM and the Chair declared that this meeting would be recessed until Wednesday June 20th, 2018 at 5:00 PM at the site of Mr. Whitman's home.

8. Other Business: Matt asked about the last recommendation that they sent to the DRB and the ZA explained the outcome of the application. He told the Board that there is still a perspective buyer who is actively looking at the Motel and possible restaurant.

9. Date of Next Meeting: When needed.

10. Adjournment: Tony Diorio made the motion to recess and Matt Sargent seconded the motion at 5:58 p.m. The motion passed.

Clerk Signature

Minutes prepared by Russell Hodgkins (ZA & Town Mgr.) (6/19/18)