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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes Tuesday October 19, 2021- 9:00 AM City Council Meeting Chambers

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order-** Chair Doyle called the meeting to order at 9am.
- 2) **Roll Call-** Clare Marron, Janet Slade, Robert Lash, Chair Geri Doyle, new HPC member-Brenda Harvey. City staff- Kris McNeill- Code Enforcement Officer, Angelia Christopher- Planning and Development Assistant. Applicants- Anne Davis- Representing Gardiner Library Association, Hope Olivencia- Representing Goldfinch Creamery
- 3) **Review of meeting minutes from 09/21/2021** – Chair Doyle asks for comments or corrections on the 9/21/2021 minutes. No Chair Doyle asks for a motion- Robert Lash moves to accept the minutes as written. Janet Slade- second. No further discussion. Brenda Harvey recused herself as she was not on the Commission at the time of the minutes. All in favor.
- 4) **Consideration of Gardiner's remote participation policy-** Anne Davis reviews the recommendations from City Solicitor- Jon Pottle-This policy was developed to be consistent with the State Statute and the language is broad enough to encompass 'or concern'. Anne Davis, as acting City Manager is suggesting that this policy be accepted for now. Accepting this policy allows people to call or zoom in if they need or choose to. Chair Doyle asks for a motion. Clare Marron moves to approve the remote participation policy- Robert Lash seconds the motion. All in favor.
- 5) **Anne Davis representing The Gardiner Library Association- of 152 Water St. is seeking approval to remove the fence around the heat compressors on the back side of the roof at 152 Water St. on City Tax Map 034 Lot 148, in the Central Business/Downtown Historic District.**-Anne speaks to the Commission stating that this fence was requested by HPC many years ago and that is why she is here today. The compressor has recently failed, and the repairman stated that the reason for the failure is that the fence has inhibited air flow around the compressor which is necessary for proper functioning. Anne tells the group that there was also a mold bloom recently at the library. It has been suggested by the company that installs the heat pumps that the fencing be taken down. Robert asked if there was a way to make it more esthetically pleasing. Anne will discuss this with the heating company to see if there are any options.

Chair Doyle asks for a motion. Brenda Harvey is recusing herself from this application because she is on the Library Trustee board. Clare Marron makes a motion- Based on the facts presented by Anne Davis, representing The Gardiner Public Library at 152 Water St. on City Tax Map 034 Lot 148 in the Central Business/Downtown Historic District, the Gardiner Historic Preservation Commission finds that the proposed project- to remove the HPC approved meeting minutes 10/19/2021 AMC



fencing around the heat pump compressor is consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties and grants a Certificate of Appropriateness for the project at 152 Water St. Gardiner Maine. Robert Lash second. Anne states that she will tell her successor to look into esthetically pleasing ways to camouflage the heat pumps. Robert Lash seconds the motion. No more discussion. All in favor.

6) Hope Olivencia- of 318 Water St. on City Tax Map 034 Lot 117 in the Central Business/Downtown Historic District to install a sign on the outside of the building facing the post office, installed with steel screws in existing holes. Kris McNeill- CEO informs the Commission that he missed a section in the ordinance that states that a projecting sign can only be used on the side of a building, if there is an entrance on that side. There is no entrance on the side of the building, therefore a sign is not allowed as requested. Kris tells Ms. Olivencia that she can do a projecting sign over the door, a window sign, and also can do temporary signs such as sandwich boards, and temporary banners. The applicant understands the conditions and will work with Kris on the permitting process. The Commission welcomes Ms. Olivencia as the owner of the new business and wishes her luck.

7) Other business- Robert Lash has looked into the building at the water district that the Commission discussed at a previous meeting. The City Council is recommending that HPC evaluate the building to see what needs to be done. Is there a way to suggest that the Water District close the building up for winter? Perhaps it's time for the City to take the building over. Clare feels that the first thing is to close it up to protect against the weather. Kris will speak with the Superintendent at the Water district for more info and report back to the commission.

8) Adjourn- Chair Doyle asks for a motion to adjourn- Clare Marron made a motion to adjourn. Robert Lash seconds. All in favor.

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