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## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes Tuesday July 20, 2021- 9:00 AM VIA Virtual Conferencing

In accordance with An Act To Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, as enacted to read: Sec. G-1 1 MRSA §403-A Public proceedings through remote access during declaration of state of emergency due to COVID-19

- 1) Call Meeting to Order- Chair Doyle called the meeting to order at 9:00 am
- 2) Roll Call- Robert Abbey, Robert Lash, Clare Marron, Janet Slade, Chair Geri Doyle, CEO-Kris McNeill. Dennis Doiron, and Brian Coombs were not present.
- 3) Review of meeting minutes from 03/16/2021- Chair Doyle asks if there are any changes or correction. No. Chair Doyle asks for a motion. Janet Slade makes a motion to accept the minutes as written. Robert Lash seconds the motion. No further discussion. Roll Call vote- Robert Abbey- yes, Robert Lash- yes, Clare Marron-yes, Janet Slade-yes, Chair Geri Doyle-yes. All in favor.
- 4) David Coulombe- of 235 Water St. is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for replacing the upper windows at 235 Water St. on City Tax Map 037 Lot 127 in the Central Business/Downtown Historic District. Despite numerous attempts to contact, the applicant did not show for this meeting. Several members express the status and safety of this building. Kris McNeill CEO, has met with Mr. Coulombe, who disclosed that he has plans for the building, stating he is interested in turning it into offices. Given the history of this building, Commission members would like more information.

This will be discussed by City Council on 7/21/21. Attorney Pottle will be attending the meeting to assist with legal matters. There have been 2 engineering studies that state that there are structural issues due to the fire. There is currently no plan to improve the structural integrity of the building.

Chair Doyle expresses that with no applicant, they cannot discuss the application. Geri Doyle makes a motion to table the application and end the Zoom meeting. Clare Marron seconds the motion. No further discussion. Roll Call vote. Robert Abbey- yes, Robert Lash- yes, Clare Marron-yes, Janet Slade-yes, Chair Geri Doyle-yes. All in favor.



5) Adjourn – Chair Doyle asked for a motion to adjourn. First- Second. No further discussion. Roll call vote. Robert Abbey- yes, Robert Lash- yes, Clare Marron-yes, Janet Slade-yes, Chair Geri Doyle-yes. All in favor. Adjourn at 9:11am