

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday February 16, 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 9:05 am
- 2) **Roll Call:** Robert Abbey, Robert Lash, Dennis Doiron, Geri Doyle, Janet Slade, and Kris McNeill-CEO. Other present included Robert Laverdiere, and Joe Couture. Clare Marron, and Brian Coombs absent.
- 3) **Review of meeting minutes from 02/02/2021** – Chair Doyle asks if there are any corrections. She has one correction request- on page 2 her name needs to be added to the roll call for the motion. Dennis Doiron states that it should be Robert Abbey, not him, who gets the credit for suggesting another door manufacturer for a different door on pg2. Chair Doyle asks for a motion to accept the minutes from 02/02/2021- Robert Abbey offered the first motion. Janet Slade seconds. Roll call vote- Robert Abbey-yes, Robert Lash-yes, Dennis Doiron-yes, Geri Doyle-yes, Janet Slade-yes, and Kris McNeill-yes
- 4) **Continuation--**The Healing Community MEDCo- Joe Couture representing The Healing Community MEDCo, at 189 Water St. is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for replacing the front/street side entrance door for better security at 189 Water St. on City Tax Map 037 Lot 161 in the Central Business/Downtown Historic District. Mr. Couture has presented a detailed application with door options. Janet Slade states that she prefers the door labeled #5. She feels this one meets the criteria for HPC standards the best. Chair Doyle likes #5 best as well too. Robert Abbey says the applicant did a good job being patient with the commission, and also did a good job coming up with options. Other members prefer this particular door. Mr. Couture does not prefer this door, and favors the original requested door as he feels it is more appropriate for retail. But this door, from Therma-tru Classic Craft system, will work best for the Commission and the applicant. Chair Doyle asks for any further discussion from the commission- No. Janet Slade will offer the motion. Based on the facts presented by Joseph Couture, representing The Healing Community- MEDCo at 189 Water St. on City Tax Map 037 Lot 161 in the Central Business/Downtown Historic District, the Gardiner Historic Preservation Commission finds that the proposed project using door #5, Therma-tru Classic Craft System as described in the application, is consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties and grants a Certificate of Appropriateness for the project at 189 Water St. Gardiner Maine.

Robert Abbey seconds the motion Roll call vote- Robert Abbey-yes, Robert Lash-yes,



Dennis Doiron-yes, Geri Doyle-yes, Janet Slade-yes, and Kris McNeill-yes. All in favor.

Application approved.

Robert Abbey would like to talk about the Common

Robert Abbey has been working to get the Common considered for Maine Historic Preservation. The common is one of the oldest parks in Maine. Dorothy Washburn has been helping to work on a tree plan, and has found that the swing set, in its current location, is placed on a historic pathway. Dan Robideau, Buildings and Grounds, states that moving the swings, would be a feasible task. There is room off to the side for the swings. This would enable the restoration of the path.

Dennis wants to know if it would be supportive of the Commission to vote on this, before it goes to City Council. Where it was not on the agenda, it is felt that the board cannot vote on it today. Robert wants to bring this up to City Council in March, so it can be voted on later. Geri Doyle asks if it would help the board decides to weigh in with a yay or nay, now. Robert Abbey states that it wouldn't hurt to have the commission show their support. Geri Doyle states that they really don't need a motion, just a statement of support. She is thinking if the individual members show their support today. Dennis agrees and states that we should put this topic on the March HPC agenda to formally vote. All agree that moving the swings is a good idea, and will formally vote on it at the March HPC meeting.

5) Adjourn- Dennis Doiron moves to adjourn Robert Abbey seconds. Roll call vote. Robert Abbey-yes, Robert Lash-yes, Dennis Doiron-yes, Geri Doyle-yes, Janet Slade-yes, and Kris McNeill-yes All in favor to adjourn at 9:30 am