Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes

Subject to review and approval

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Manager’s Conference Room - City Hall, 39 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602

Commission Members Present: Eric Gilbertson (Chair), Liz Peebles, Joe Strain, Lily Fournier (student representative),
Commission Members Absent: Bob McCullough, Jenna Lapachinski, Jamie Duggan
Others Present: Meredith Crandall (staff)

Call to Order

As no quorum was present, there was no call to order or official meeting, and no action was taken by the Commission.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Informal Discussion

Members present had informal discussion regarding 5 Home Farm Way, and the 2019 VT Downtown & Historic Preservation Conference to be held on June 5th.

2. Work Session: Long-term goals for the Commission.

Members present reviewed the “Historic Resources Notes for Implementation Plan” document provided by Mike Miller at the last meeting. Comments included:

A. Possible Aspirations
   a. Increased Community Knowledge of the Benefits of Historic Preservation
   b. Increased Involvement of the HPC in the Zoning Process Regarding Historic Buildings

B. Possible HPC Goals:
   a. Increase Outreach
   b. Increase Technical/Educational Programs
   c. Research and Propose Financial Incentives to Encourage Historic Preservation

C. Possible HPC Programs/Tasks:
   a. Identify/map archaeologically and historically sensitive areas (Montpelier has both), and promote as a development friendly resource
b. Incorporate the new NPS Survey App, use for volunteer surveys of historic buildings and/or neighborhoods

Staff to begin working draft of an HPC Master Plan chapter for next meeting, incorporate notes on Mike Miller’s presentation from the April meeting that Chair Gilbertson will provide.

Other Business

Chair Gilbertson confirmed that the next meeting will focus on long-range planning, including detailed discussion of the Master Plan materials provided by Mr. Miller.