

Rye Historic District Commission
Thursday, June 8, 2017
6:30 p.m. – Rye Town Hall

Members Present: Mae Bradshaw, Leo Axtin, Karen Stewart, Daryl Kent, James Tegeder, Selectmen's Rep Craig Musselman and Alternates John Loftus and Charles Hoyt.

I. Call to Order

Member Bradshaw opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Seating of Alternates if needed

- **John Loftus was seated for the vacant seat.**

III. Review Application of Kaitlyn Coffey, 2 Lang Road

Note: *Charles Hoyt was not seated on this application and was present on behalf of the applicant as the architect for the applicant.*

Kaitlyn Coffey, 2 Lang Road, submitted the proposal to the Commission. She stated that the proposal is to replace the barn in kind, as it is in need of repairs. Currently, the barn has a lot of openings in which birds and other animals are getting into the barn, as well as some of the elements and wetness. The proposal is to seal up the barn and replace everything else in kind.

Member Bradshaw asked if the current band on the roof is wood.

Charles Hoyt, architect, replied yes. It is going to be replaced with aluminum. He further explained that the cover for the track for the door will be made of pine and will be painted white.

Member Bradshaw asked if copper was considered.

Ms. Coffey stated that the white looks nice with the white trim and it will blend with what is on the house.

Member Loftus asked if the new door is an overhead door or sliding door.

Mr. Hoyt replied it is an overhead door.

Ms. Coffey explained that the two current doors slide. There is some rot and they are going to try to keep it and paint it, if not it will be replaced with pine.

Mr. Hoyt noted that they are going to try to keep the existing windows. There are products available so they can try to fix the existing wood; however, the structure is getting tired. The windows are going to be priced both ways. He continued that they want to be sensitive to the old structure and not do anything too out of the ordinary. The intent is to replace everything in kind if they can.

Member Kent asked about the new barn door.

Ms. Coffey submitted a plan showing the door. She explained the door will be a solid white metal door with no windows.

Referring to the fascia board, Member Loftus stated that it is a big improvement to what is up there now, which does not look so good. The design is a 300% improvement.

Motion by Karen Stewart to approve the proposed plan submitted by Kaitlyn Coffey for the property at 2 Lang Road. Seconded by John Loftus. Vote: 7-0

IV. Organization of the Board:

Note: Charles Hoyt joined the Commission as an alternate for the remainder of the meeting.

Alternate Hoyt noted that he would like to become a full member of the committee, as there is currently an opening.

**Motion by Leo Axtin to recommend to the Selectmen that Charles Hoyt be appointed to the Commission as a full member. Seconded by Daryl Kent.
Vote: 6-0-1 Abstained: Craig Musselman (as he will be voting on this as a Selectman.)**

Alternate Hoyt will send a letter of intent to the Selectmen for appointment and Chair Bradshaw will follow up with a letter of recommendation.

Member Stewart stated that her neighbor, Kathrine Brown, has expressed an interest in becoming an alternate member on the Commission.

The Commission agreed to invite Ms. Brown to their next meeting so they can meet her.

Chairman

Motion by Karen Stewart to nominate Mae Bradshaw as chair. Seconded by Craig Musselman. Vote: 6-0-1 Abstained: Mae Bradshaw

Vice-Chairman

Motion by Mae Bradshaw to nominate Karen Stewart as vice-chair. Seconded by Charles Hoyt. Vote: 7-0

V. Other Business

- Selectman Musselman noted that Attorney Donovan is looking into what might be appropriate advice to the Town's regulatory boards regarding ex parte and communication with seated members of boards having conversations with an applicant about a project prior to it being presented to the board. This is not supposed to happen; however, it has come up at times. This is something that members should think about when applicants approach them about projects.
- Member Bradshaw stated that she and Member Tegeder attended a presentation by the State Board of Historic Resources. One of the things that they support throughout New Hampshire is something called Certified Local Governments (CLG). This puts the community in a better position for State funding. It helps people who are doing development in the district get more funding. She asked the Commission if they would be interested in hearing a presentation and exploring this further.

After discussion, the members agreed to invite DHR to speak with the Commission so they can receive more information.

Adjournment

Motion by Craig Musselman to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by John Loftus. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger