

Silas Felton Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2023

I. Call to Order

Paul Osborne called to order, the regular meeting of the Silas Felton Historic Commission at 7:02 p.m. in Remote Meeting Session

II. Roll Call (times noted for arrivals after call to order & departures prior to adjournment)

Members Present (4)

1. Chairperson | Paul Osborne
2. Vice Chairperson | James Quinn
3. David Daigneault
4. Joseph Aponte
5. Ron Sorgman (In at 7:05 p.m.)

Staff Present (1)

6. Jeff Malachowski

Applicant(s) & Guest(s) Present (#)

7. Nicole Heidemann (Out at 7:13 p.m.)
8. Amarildo Mota Oliveira (Out at 7:24 p.m.)
9. Bryan Johannes (Out at 7:53 p.m.)

III. New Applications

1. 29 Church Street – Install canopy over wheelchair ramp and awning over the back deck

- Board members voted to continue the hearing until the October meeting
 1. Motion – P. Osborne
 2. Seconded – J. Aponte
 3. Motion passed by roll call 5-0-0
 - i. P. Osborne – yay
 - ii. J. Aponte – yay
 - iii. R. Sorgman – yay
 - iv. J. Quinn – yay
 - v. D. Daigneault - yay

2. 15 Washington Street – Sign installation

- Nicole Heidemann, of Beyond the Barn, presented plans to install a small circular 22” double-sided sign below the store’s existing hanging sign to highlight a candle bar, a new aspect of the business. Heidemann indicated the color would mirror the existing hanging sign. Board members said the signage is below the maximum square footage allowed under the Historic District Commission’s Rules and Regulations and approved the installation.
 1. Motion – P. Osborne
 2. Seconded – D. Daigneault
 3. Motion passed by roll call 5-0-0
 - i. P. Osborne –yay
 - ii. J. Aponte – yay
 - iii. R. Sorgman – yay
 - iv. J. Quinn – yay
 - v. D. Daigneault - yay

3. 157 Main Street – Sign Installation

- Motta’s Market submitted a revised sign for the market featuring a black background and gold and white lettering. David Daigneault noted that a neon open sign that is currently hanging up in the store windows is not allowed under the Historic District Commission’s Rules and Regulations. Board members noted Motta’s Market could purchase an open flag and hang that outside the store, like several other Main Street businesses do. Board members approved the revised sign and requested the applicant remove the neon open sign.
 1. Motion – R. Sorgman
 2. Seconded – D. Daigneault
 3. Motion passed by roll call 3-0-2
 - i. P. Osborne– yay
 - ii. J. Aponte – abstain
 - iii. R. Sorgman – yay
 - iv. J. Quinn – abstain
 - v. D. Daigneault - yay

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IV. Other Business

Fire Chief Bryan Johannes updated the commission on the ongoing hip tile replacement at Fire Station #1 in the wake of the lighting strike that occurred in June. Chief Johannes told commissioners the contractor was having trouble finding an exact replica of the hip tile that was damaged on the fire station's bell tower, but is seeking to find a close replica. Chief Johannes said he is trying to make the best, closest possible match to the original tile. Board members requested Johannes find as close a match as possible and to submit an application to the commission. Johannes hopes to have the project finished before the weather gets cold.

V. Meeting Minutes Approval

A. Minutes from 2023.4.19; Minutes from 2023.4.24; Minutes from 2023.8.16; and Minutes from 2023.8.24

VI. Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.
 1. Motion – D. Daigneault
 2. Seconded –J. Quinn
 3. Motion passed by roll call 5-0-0
 - i. P. Osborne – yay
 - ii. J. Aponte – yay
 - iii. R. Sorgman – yay
 - iv. J. Quinn – yay
 - v. D. Daigneault - yay