

## VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2015

The Historic Preservation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair David Liss at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Trustee David Liss, Trustee Thomas Krueger, Matt Zipter, Trustee David Antoine, Sheldon Sepstead, Ted Warwick, and Sue Hass

Staff/Officials present: Director of Planning and Development Jessica Wolff

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Krueger, seconded by Mr. Sepstead to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015 Historic Preservation Commission, as presented. Motion carried.

#### HEAR PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None

#### DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC INTEREST EVENT RESULTS AND CREATING A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Mr. Zipter noted that the two informational meetings have been very successful. There was a discussion about the details and operations of the newly formed Grafton Historical Society. On April 7, 2016 a private group of citizens formed a Board of Directors for the Grafton Historical Society. The Society will hold its first Board of Directors meeting on Monday, April 25, 2016.

#### REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION TO VILLAGE BOARD TO DISSOLVE THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND REVIEW HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESPONSIBILITIES

For the past several months, the Historic Preservation Commission has discussed dissolving the Commission and forming a private non-profit historical society. Director Wolff stated that staff supports dissolving the Commission and providing administrative assistance to the newly formed Grafton Historical Society until they are comfortably established. Staff recommends that the Plan Commission take over the responsibilities related to designation of historic structures, sites and districts in the Village. Staff can continue to execute the engraving of Blues artists on the Paramount Plaza "piano keys" from the pre-determined list.

Mr. Sepstead noted that the Historical Preservation Commission has been productive but has faced difficulty recently especially related to funding and that the new private Grafton Historical Society is a step in the right direction.

Trustee Krueger noted that the new Society will hopefully be able to gather the resources that made the Commission successful in the early years. He felt that the Commission should be continued for a couple more months until the Society is fully established. Mr. Zipter agreed.

Ms. Hass disagreed and noted that the Society should make a clean start.

Trustee Liss was concerned that the Plan Commission has not agreed to accept the historic preservation responsibilities and the continued implementation of the key engraving in Paramount Plaza has not been formally assigned. He felt this item should be tabled until both of these matters are addressed.

Motion by Trustee Krueger, seconded by Mr. Sepstead to table the recommendation to the Village Board dissolve the Historic Preservation Commission and assign historic preservation responsibilities to the Plan Commission and Planning and Development Department. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Commission decided the next meeting would be August 17, 2016.

#### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Mr. Sepstead, seconded by Mr. Zipter to adjourn at 6:06 p.m.  
Motion carried.