

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2001 AT 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE RP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

November 28, 2001

Chairman Al Zaccone called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., it having been duly noted that notice of this meeting has been published in accordance with the rules of the Sunshine Law. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Al Zaccone, Edwin Holmberg and Fred Rosen.

The minutes of the October 17, 2001, meeting were approved with an amendment, as the next meeting date should have read November 28, 2001.

New Business: Village Hardware (21 Mt. Vernon Street) – An application was submitted by Michael Alberque, the businessowner, together with the \$45.00 required fee. It is for a 3' x 6' unlighted sign, using the existing box. He would like to put white vinyl letters (approximately 5"-6" high) in the windows reading Village Hardware on Mt. Vernon and Lincoln Avenue. The front window measures 17 ft. x 9 ft.; the side window measures 8 ft. x 9 ft. It would read "Village Hardware" on one panel on each side. The current sign that says "parts plus" is now gone but he is looking to keep the sign box and put in a new flat plastic 3 ft x 6 ft signface installed in the existing sign structure above the door reading "Village Hardware". This sign will be disconnected and not lighted. The face of the sign will be opaque. No colors were submitted. They were looking at putting black lettering on a white background and Al Zaccone recommended dark blue lettering on a white background. Mike Alberque verbally indicated he had no problem with this. He also would like to put plastic letters reading "hardware" to replace the auto parts signs; however, the Commission needs to know the size of the letters. There is a concern because there will be four signs on the building.

The applicant also suggested putting an awning and then eliminating the other signs except for the lettering in the windows. The Commission needs to see a drawing of the awning, the type of awning, if there is lettering, exactly where in the placement of the windows the words Village Hardware are going to be placed.

With regard to A, the Commission wants to see an elevation where the lettering for the Village Hardware is to be placed in the window.

With regard to B, the Commission needs to see the dark blue lettering that is going to read "hardware" on the facade and what the overall height is going to be.

With regard to C, the Commission needs to see what the sign is going to look like. This sign will not be illuminated.

With regard to D, to having an awning installed in lieu of the lettering indicated in B and C, in the proposal, this would be strongly considered but the Commission must see a drawing as to what that awning is going to look like and the proper information as to the colors. This awning, of course, must follow the guidelines for an awning.

Ed Holmberg commented that the former record store across 21 Mt. Vernon Street is no longer the tenant. He thinks the projecting sign for the former tenant needs to be taken down. A letter from the Building Department should be sent advising that the sign reading "records" should be removed, as that tenant is no longer located at this building.

A letter was sent on October 5 to Dr. Gross from the Building Department advising that none of the signs that should have been removed were actually removed and that no permit was issued for the installing of the overhanging sign. This sign should be removed and a permit applied for to install the sign. As of yesterday, there was no record of a response to this letter.

Old Business: Al Zaccone has received the guidelines in final draft. He has been trying to set up a meeting with Commissioner Anlian and Hugh Boyd to review this final draft. NOTE: Meeting is set for December 4.

The meeting schedule for 2002 will be distributed with the minutes. The meetings are currently scheduled for 6:00 p.m. but a possible change in meeting time will be discussed at the next meeting. Ed DeSantis had asked about having the meeting one-half hour later. Fred Rosen announced that December will be his last meeting and Theresa McDonough will take his place in January as the Planning Board representative. Fred Rosen will be present with her at the December meeting.

Correspondence and Notes: Ed Arcari has been reappointed to the Commission with an expiration date of 2005.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Michael Alberque, Village Hardware

