# Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Historic District Commission and the Historical Commission

**Date:** June 20, 2013

Commission Members Present: Bob Clark, Lynn Shaw, Nancy Allen

**Commission Members Absent:** Chris Mandel

Attachments: Agenda; EBI Letter; Memo regarding Country Store window trim

The regular monthly meeting of the Historic District Commission was held in the Petersham Memorial Library and began at 7:10 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting on May 16 were reviewed and approved.

**New Business:** There were no new applications and no business permit applications.

#### **Ongoing Business:**

Nancy had a discussion with Michael Lundquist regarding the window trim at the Country Store. Mr. Lundquist professes to not remember when or how the trim was changed on some of the windows. He apologizes for it happening. Nancy distributed a memo for our files documenting her conversation with Mr. Lundquist which will be sent to Mr. Lundquist and to Stephanie Selden.

An official application regarding the building of a cell tower on the Hall property has been submitted to the ZBA. The next ZBA meeting will be on July 2 and the first public hearing is scheduled for July 16. Nancy distributed a copy of the letter from EBI mentioned at the last meeting.

#### Correspondence:

- 1. We received the Massachusetts Humanities Spring Newsletter
- 2. We received the Town Accountant Expense Report #23

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Shaw

Minutes approved at the August 16, 2013 HDC Meeting



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## Meeting of the Historic District Commission

DATE: Thursday, June 20, 2013

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Petersham Memorial Library, 23 Common Street

#### AGENDA

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

Review prior Meeting Minutes

#### **New Business**

Project Applications – as available Business Permit Applications – as available

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Changes to exterior windows casements at Country Store

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Review mail

#### CONFIRM NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Schedule next regula meeting: July 18, 2013

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### The Country Store - window casements

On May 17, 2013, Nancy met with Michael Lundquist of the Polus Center and owner of The Country Store, 2 North Main Street.

Michael isn't sure what happened. He apologized and said they didn't mean to circumvent anything. He thought maybe he had talked with someone from HDC, but can't remember and acknowledges that maybe he didn't. He acknowledged that I would have been the logical person with whom he would have spoken and I know we never discussed the project.

He explained the window work occurred when the rental space was being readied for a new residential tenant (\* see timeline below). The logic was that they were renovating the interior for the new tenant and they wanted to tighten up the drafty space with new windows. Polus reviewed and bought into a whole window system – exterior casements and all — from Home Depot.Purchase and installation was handled by Home Dept with a crew of 4–5. It went on over several days.

ML said he thinks that Home Depot would have obtained a building permit from the Building Inspector for all the work they did.

We discussed how many times over the years ML/Polus has talked formally or informally with the HDC about possible projects so it is not clear why this happened with this project. He apologized again.

\* As I recall the lineage and this might not be quite right – from about 2003 –2013: Nadine Couglin was 2<sup>nd</sup> floor tenant as residential rental / Polus followed as office rental / Leanne McHugh followed as residential rental / Jordan O'Connor followed as office rental / Eben is now there as residential rental since about 2011. So I think the windows were changed in approximately the 2006–2009 time period.