

**Village of Franklin
Historic District Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 4, 2013, 7:30 P.M.
At the Franklin Village Hall – Broughton House
32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, MI**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Historic District Commission was called to order by Gary Roberts, Chairman, at the Franklin Village Hall, 32325 Franklin Rd, Franklin, Michigan at 7:30 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Laura Witty, Garrett Keais, Mike Brassfield, Gary Roberts, Pat Burke, Mary Ann Liut, Eileen Harryvan

Absent: None

Also Present: Eileen Pulker, Clerk; Bill Dinnan, Village Building Official; Amanda Davis, Consultant; Amy Sullivan, Village Administrator

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Roberts requested that a discussion item be added under New Business, C. Discussion about the multi-tenant sign for the Van Every House.

Agenda was approved as amended.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of November 5, 2012

Motion by Liut, supported by Harryvan to adopt the minutes as provided.

Motion was approved unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Moenck, representing the Franklin Library Board, invited the HDC to its Board meeting Feb. 7, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. Tom Biehl from HRC will present options and alternatives for the permeable surface of the proposed parking lot which HDC approved at the September 12, 2012 Special Meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Application to Paint Building Exterior at 32725 Franklin Road (Franklin Auto Service)

Pam Migliore, owner, proposed painting the white office front, which is adjacent to the main office, to match or blend with the bricks of the rest of the building. The green door would remain green.

Motion by Keais, supported by Burke, to approve the paint color for the northern section of the Franklin Auto Service at 32725 Franklin Road. The color sample has been provided and is on file. The intent is to match the brick as closely as possible. The color will be in conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's

Standards for Rehabilitation

Motion was approved unanimously.

B. Consider Paver Colors for the Rain Garden at 32740 Franklin Road (Jones Building)

Roberts gave a brief history of the Rain Garden. He suggested that the chosen color be neutral if they are going to implement a standardized coloration that could be used on other pedestrian pathways throughout the Village center now and in the future. The idea

would be to use a “tumbled stone” look.

There was a discussion about the color, size, shape, and texture of the proposed pavers. Roberts broached the subject of whether the HDC should be the entity to select a standardized color and product that can be used on future applications. Sullivan reminded the Commissioners that HDC makes the final approval of all aesthetics in the Historic District.

Harryvan asked Sullivan about the irrigation for the Rain Garden. Sullivan said that there won't be any due to the expense. Instead, she is going to contract with the Village DPW contractor which has a watering truck to water the plants in the Garden to initially establish them and then water as needed.

Motion by Burke, supported by Liut, to amend the October 1, 2012 motion regarding the pavers for the right-of-way of the Rain Garden. The amendment states that the pavers would be of a tumbled block and requests that they be Uni-Lock Brussels Block, in a variety of standard sizes. Colors will be selected at the next meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

Roberts assured Sullivan that samples would be requested from the company and a decision would be made at the next meeting.

C. Discussion concerning the Multi-tenant sign at the Van Every House.

Bill and Judy Meade, agents for the Van Every House, presented two plans for the sign. Each Commissioner was given the two sketches. The discussion centered around an horizontal sign vs. a vertical sign. Either would be painted the original color scheme of Valspar Forest Green and White.

Construction of the sign and the size of the lettering were also discussed. The Meades will ask their sign-maker for a mock-up of the vertical sign and email it to all the Commissioners.

Amanda Davis, consultant, updated the HDC on the progress of the “Goals for Basic Requirements #5 for CLG application.” The final step is to have the statement signed by the Village.

Davis also stated that she has updated the photos of the commercial properties, with the exception of the Fire Station and the HUDA School.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15P.M.

Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk