

**FARMINGTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS**  
**Thursday, April 28, 2011**

Chairperson Myers called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Atkinson, Bernath, Gundlach, Harrison, Myers, Vaughn, Weimar

Excused: Munter

Absent: Grattan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Vaughn, supported by Harrison, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried: all ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Harrison, supported by Vaughn, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2011 as presented.

Motion carried: all ayes.

BUILDING PERMIT REQUEST

The Dennis Holidays of 33309 Shiawassee submitted their plans for repairs and renovations to their address. There were three areas of renovation the couple wanted the Commission to examine:

- 1.) Vinyl Siding. The Commission was shown samples of vinyl siding, 4" reveal. Showed plans to attempt to match existing exterior including trim.
- 2.) Front Entrance. The Commission was shown alterations to porch, steps, entrance and ramping.
- 3.) Construct decking to conform within the space of back door and rear entrances. Sketches and description were provided to the Commission.

The Commission examined the material submitted for review and made motion to approve with comment. Motion made by Atkinson to approve plans as submitted with addition of comment by the Commission. The Commission, comprised of those present, was in total agreement in advising the Holidays that the alterations to their house, as described, would in all likelihood, render it ineligible for any tax credits. A non-contributing structure. The motion was seconded by Gundlach, all ayes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

City Manager Pastue spoke to the group about the Resolution to Consolidate Trust and Agency Accounts. The Commission reviewed the benefits and economies of monitoring fewer consolidated funds in these lean economic times. Motion by Bernath, supported by Weimar to approve the resolution. Motion carries all ayes.

### OLD BUSINESS

The Commissioners discussed the progress of the creation of a 501© (3). Mr. Pastue said a similar template used for recreations would be used for the Governor Warner Mansion. The Friends of the Governor Warner Mansion non-profit commission was discussed. The general thought to its composition would be a seven (7) member commission, appointed by the Farmington City Council. Composition of said commission might be: 2 from the City, 2 from the Historical Commission and 3 members at large.

City Manager Pastue informed the Commission that an intern was assisting his office. One of the projects the intern is working on is a template to record and classify structures within the Historic District. Digital visual recording of existing structures, including addresses, description on a standardized template would aid in evaluating whether it would meet historic district criteria for tax benefits should they become available.

### NEW BUSINESS

The Historic Commission thanks the Masonic Temple for consulting with it on refurbishing the Masonic Temple signage and relocation of signage.

The City has allocated \$60k for signs at entry points to the City at its borders. Input from the community would aid in design considerations. Advisory design participants could be comprised of City reps (2) Historical Commissioners (2) and at large (3) to approve proposed signage.

The intern at City Hall has also been asked to assist in recording location and digital visual images of all historic markers within the confines of the City's limits. Cataloging existing markers and monuments will be useful for their continued preservation.

A residential survey of the Historic District would also be conducted by the intern. The survey would include the data being collected that has already been mentioned in "Old Business". A benchmark would be established from which future changes within the District could be evaluated.

### WARNER MANSION ACTIVITIES

Commissioner Bernath brought samples of the Warner Tea Tins that are for sale at the Mansion. She also reminded the Commission that it would be sponsoring an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, June 9, 2011. All proceeds would go to help cover Mansion expenses. The Commission notes that the Carriage House roof is in need of repair and has notified the City.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Myers at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Atkinson, Vice Chairperson