

**MINUTES
BUSINESS MEETING
NEW CASTLE COUNTY HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE - NEW CASTLE ROOM
87 READS WAY, NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE
May 21, 2019
5:00 P.M.**

The Special Business Meeting of the Historic Review Board of New Castle County was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the New Castle room of the Government Center Building, 87 Reads Way, Corporate Commons in New Castle, DE directly following a public hearing.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Benson at [5:40 p.m.]

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Barbara Benson
John Brook
Barbara Silber
Karen Anderson
John Davis
Steve Johns
Rafael Zahralddin

The following Board members were absent:

None

Historic Review Board Attorney, Department of Law

Colleen Norris

The following Department of Land Use employees were present at the meeting:

Elizabeth Caufield
Christopher Jackson
Stacey Dahlstrom

The following members of the public were in attendance:

Vincent DellAversano
Karen Brown

MINUTES

None

DEFERRALS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

App. 201902379: 230 Grantham Lane. (West end of Grantham Ln., northwest of the intersection with River Rd.), New Castle Hundred, (TP 10-035.00-006). Demolition Permit to demolish a Georgian style dwelling known as the Grantham House ca. 1750. I Zoning, CD 12.

At a special business meeting held on May 21, 2019, the New Castle County Historic Review Board (HRB) considered the public testimony provided by the applicant at the public hearing preceding the business meeting. On a motion made by Mr. Johns and seconded by Mr. Brook, the HRB voted unanimously to release the demolition permit for either a partial demolition or a full demolition.

In discussion preceding the vote, the Board members offered the following comments:

Mr. Brook stated that he was encouraged by the applicant's want to fix up the structure and that it was a shame that the structure had been left to deteriorate to such a shape. Mr. Davis offered that it would be a shame to see the chimneys and gable roof removed from the structure, as it was a character defining feature of the house. Ms. Anderson concurred. Mr. Davis advised the applicant that he could sell the steel that he was planning on using to fix the roof in order to buy historically appropriate materials. Mr. Davis stated he was also encouraged by the applicant's desire to restore the house.

REPORT OF THE PRESERVATION PLANNER

Ms. Caufield updated the Board on the Historic Preservation Working Group meeting that members from the Department of Land Use attended on May 20, 2019. The meeting was hosted by Councilwoman Dee Durham and Councilman John Cartier. Councilman Dave Carter was also in attendance. She updated the Board on discussion regarding various historic preservation efforts and current preservation ordinances that occurred at the meeting.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

ATTEST:



Richard E. Hall, AICP
General Manager
Department of Land Use



Dr. Barbara Benson
Chairperson
Historic Review Board