

Town of Lunenburg
Architectural Preservation District Commission

Richard McGrath, Chairman
Jim LaVeck, Vice-Chair
Cullen Dwyer, Clerk.
Brian Corcoran, Member.



Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 23rd, 2018
Ritter Building

Call to Order: At 7:00PM

Present: Chairman McGrath, Vice-Chairman LaVeck, Corcoran and Dwyer

Review of minutes: None reviewed

Special Business: The commission convened in a special meeting to discuss Warrant Articles 20 and 24 to be voted on at the May 5th, 2018 Town Meeting.

The wording of Article 20 makes its intent unclear, but Land Use Director Adam Burney had explained to McGrath that it was to allow the Board of Selectmen to sell the Brooks House to a buyer who would move it to another location, leaving the lot empty. The commission felt that it would be unlikely to grant a CTA to remove the Brooks House from the APD, since that would lower the historical value of both the house and the district, and also because it was unclear if the APDC would retain any authority over how the house was used once it left the district. The article was poorly thought through, as it raises many procedural questions, and was put forward without consulting the APDC. LaVeck motioned for the APDC to not recommend approval. McGrath seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Article 24 intended to allow and fund the demolition of the old Primary School. A consultant called Vertex has reviewed the cost of renovating town properties, and found that this building would be the most expensive: about \$1Million. A group of citizens petitioned to put Article 24 on the ballot, but had not followed the town process or open meeting policy, and had not consulted with the APDC. Seeing as the article ran contrary to the mission of the APDC, Corcoran made a motion that the APDC not recommend approval. McGrath seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for May 8th.

Adjourned: 7:45 PM

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