

Northbridge Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting - November 17, 2021
7:00 PM via ZOOM

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Present: Len Smith (Chairperson) Christine Johnson, Kenneth Warchol

Absent: Wendy Timmons

NORTHBRIDGE TOWN CLERK
LINDA B. ZYWIEN

Guest Attendee: Heather Elster, Executive Director of the Whitin Community Center

Meeting called to order at 7:15 by Len Smith

1.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Ken Warchol, *"To Approve the Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021."* Seconded by Ken Warchol. Motion carries unanimously.

2.0 Review Whitin Community Center Proposed Renovations (within Historic District)

Heather Elster, Executive Director, George Marston Whitin Memorial Community Association, Inc. 60 Main Street Whitinsville presented an overview of the Blackstone Valley Children's Place, 60 Main St Northbridge, MA; MHC# RC.70262 EEOST Grant Project and the subsequent response of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC). The MHC requires the Northbridge Historical Commission to review the project for compliance with the language outlined in the historical preservation trust for a property that is located within the identified historical district. Ms. Elster provided copies of the detailed documents submitted with the grants. The grant award is in the amount of \$250K which is allocated for upgrades for health, safety and maintenance. It was determined that the repairs as proposed do not alter the historical nature of the facility and primarily upgrade to areas previously updated in 1991 and 1998.

A motion was made by Christine Johnson to *"Approve the grant request as submitted and for the Northbridge Historical Commission to provide such evidence of approval in the form of a Certificate of Appropriateness as requested by the Massachusetts Historical Commission"* Seconded by Ken Warchol. Motion carries unanimously.

The members congratulated Ms. Elster for securing an award and acknowledged her effort on behalf of the WCC.

Motion to adjourn by Ken Warchol at 7:52. Motion carries unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Christine Johnson