

Woodstock Hill Historic District Commission

Special Meeting - Woodstock Town Hall

April 4, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attendance: Chair Tim Monahan, Lyn Cole Smith, Christine Johnston Lessig, Earl Manz, and Kent Weaver

Community Attendance: Joe Campbell, Woodstock Academy

1. Call to Order at 7:02 pm by Chair, Tim Monahan
2. Appointment of alternates: Chairman Monahan appointed, Christine Lessig, Earl Manz and Kent Weaver as voting members for this special meeting
3. Public Hearing: Woodstock Academy, 57 Academy Rd, demolition of Bicentennial Building and new construction of the STEM Building.

The STEM building presented in the conceptual drawings of January 26, 2016, will be similar in size, scale and location to the existing Bicentennial Building. It will be a two-story, brick structure, set back from the face of the existing Bicentennial Building, and will be similarly visible from Academy Road as a partially obscured facade. The gable end west facade is proposed as having four, symmetrically placed two-story high windows with two-story brick piers in between. The northern wing of the Bates Auditorium building obscures the connector to the Alumni Field House. The courtyard covered walkway system further obscures the facade. This new building will offer handicapped accessibility within the new STEM building and weather protected accessible area between the buildings on campus.

- . **Motion:** Kent Weaver made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Earl Manz; unanimous approval.
- . Discussion: WHDC members commented that they appreciated WA coming forward in a proactive measure to explain the project and then to follow up with an application despite the limited view from the road. Members also agreed that the design blended in with the historical character of the district.
- . **Motion:** Earl Manz made a motion to accept the application for demolition of the bicentennial building, second by Lyn Cole Smith; unanimous approval.
- . **Motion:** Kent Weaver made a motion to accept the application for the STEM building project as presented, Earl Manz second; unanimous approval - motion carried.

4. **Adjournment** Kent Weaver made a motion to adjourn the special meeting and seconded by Lyn Cole Smith. Unanimous Approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Christine Johnston Lessig, Clerk

These minutes may be published but the Commission does not approve them until the next regular meeting.