

# CITY OF GLOUCESTER

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

### Minutes, Meeting of 26 May 2015

Members present: R. Chandler, N Goodick, S. Goodick, P. Shea, S. Miller, C. Nazarian, D. Porper

The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by Chairman Porper.

There was one item on the agenda, a request for Certificate of Appropriateness by Café Sicilia to install a permanent awning on their building at 40 Main Street.

Owners, Maria A. Cracchiolo and Antonia D'Amico were represented by Giuseppe Cracchiolo. He explained that the awning was necessary to cut down on the sun-generated heat coming into the room and also to protect customers who sat outside. The awning will extend across the entire Main St. façade. The awning is made by the K. E. Durasol Awning Company and the model is called a "Sun Shelter" motorized retractable awning. The striped material will be of white and beige and the fringe on front will say "Café Sicilia".

There was little discussion but P. Shea reminded the applicant that approval from our commission did not give blanket approval and that there may be other city requirements that need to be addressed.

MOTION: It was moved (R. Chandler) and seconded (P. Shea) that a certificate of Appropriateness be issued to Café Sicilia for the installation of a retractable awning on the Main Street façade of their building at 40 Main St. Unanimously Approved.

UPDATE: The chairman advised the commission that the Historical Commission is looking to revive the Certified Local Government (CLG) and would be contacting us for participation. Both Chairman Porper and Vice Chairman Shea talked a bit about it since they were on the HDC when we first participated in the program.

NEW BUSINESS: Member, Chuck Nazarian, explained that the Unitarian-Universalist Meeting House, which is in the district, is requesting \$100,000. from the local Community Preservation Act funds to help support the installation of fire suppression systems, most notably a sprinkler system. The work will cost about \$400,000. He requested that the commission write a letter of support. He noted that the building is used for many community wide activities such as concerts and lectures.

MOTION: It was moved (N. Goodick) and seconded (P. Shea) to instruct the chairman to write a letter of support to the Unitarian-Universalist Board endorsing their request for \$100,000. from Community Preservation Act funds. Unanimously approved

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R. David Porper  
Secretary Pro Tem

