

**New Castle Historic Preservation Commission  
Monday, September 28, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall**

**Call to order**

Commission Chair Virginia Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present	Chair Erickson
	Vice Chair Borgard
	Commissioner Blaylock
	Commissioner Rippy (arrived at 6:32 p.m.)
	Commissioner Breslin

Also present at the meeting were Administrative Assistant Ryan Muse, Town Planner Tim Cain and members of the public.

**Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest.

**Review Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**MOTION: Vice Chair Borgard made a motion to approve the August 17, 2015 minutes. Chair Erickson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Historic Designation Hearing for 303 W. Main St**

Olafur Johannsson and Thora Einarsdottir introduced themselves as owners of the Trimble Building located at 303 W. Main Street.

Commission Chair Virginia Erickson noted that all of the appropriate documents needed to designate a building were in the meeting packet.

Planner Cain told the Commission that prior to the public hearing, he needed a vote to agree that there should be an order to designate 303 W. Main Street as a historic landmark.

**MOTION: Commissioner Breslin made a motion to designate 303 W. Main Street, also known as the Trimble Building, as a historic building in the Town of New Castle. Commissioner Rippy seconded the motion.**

Discussion: Town Planner Tim Cain stated that 303 W. Main St. met all the criteria for designation. It met the historical requirement because of the role it played in the 1910 shootout between Marshall Rennix and Billy Griffith. Planner Cain noted that there were still bullet holes in the wall of the building. 303 W. Main met the architectural requirement because it was one of the first brick buildings built in town as well as being one of the tallest buildings in town. 303 W. Main had also been home to numerous businesses of significance, including a dance hall, an opera house and a barbershop where New Castle's current mayor received his first haircut. Planner Cain added that 303 W. Main was the only commercial building that was eligible for national designation when a historical survey was conducted in 1996.

Commissioner Frank Breslin expressed his support for 303 W. Main Street, adding

that he too had positive memories of the Trimble Building. Commissioner Breslin expressed his desire for the building to re-acquire its back bar. After some discussion, it was determined that the back bar was now located at the Riviera Supper Club in Glenwood Springs and it was not likely that Mr. Johannsson and Ms. Einarsdottir would be able to obtain it. Commissioner Breslin stated that the building was a lasting part of New Castle's heritage.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Erickson read the notice of public hearing aloud.

**MOTION: Commissioner Rippy made a motion to approve resolution HPC-2015-1, Concerning Designation of a Historic Landmark Building. Vice Chair Borgard seconded the motion and it passed on a roll call vote: Vice Chair Borgard: yes; Commissioner Rippy: yes; Chair Erickson: yes; Commissioner Blaylock: yes; Commissioner Breslin: yes.**

#### **Discussion: Historical Survey of Residential Buildings**

Commissioner Steve Rippy explained the data on the spreadsheet he compiled, saying he compared the Sanborn map from 1883 against county records. He used 1920 as the baseline for the houses in question because every house built before 1920 was eligible for historical designation. The list included homeowner information so the commission would be able to contact those who were eligible for the historical residential survey. Commissioner Rippy reminded the commission that previously, homeowners had been notified of the possibility of a survey by an attachment to the utility bill. This method resulted in seven interested residents. The commission agreed to send out a letter to eligible homeowners in order to discover how many may have interest in participating in a historical survey. In addition, contacting homeowners by letter was a required step in the historical survey process. Planner Cain agreed to write the letter.

**MOTION: Commissioner Breslin made a motion to authorize Planner Cain to write and send letters to the list of potential historic properties to inquire if the property owners were interested in participating in a historic survey. Vice Chair Borgard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

#### **Citizen Comments on Items NOT on Agenda**

There were no citizen comments.

#### **Commission Comments**

Commissioner Breslin thanked Commissioner Rippy for his effort in compiling the list of current residences built prior to 1920. Commissioner Breslin also thanked Commissioner Rippy for posting historical photographs on New Castle's Historic Facebook page.

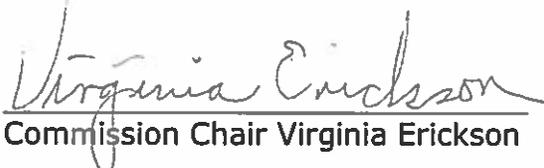
**Set Next Meeting**

**MOTION: Chair Erickson made a motion that the next meeting take place on November 16, 2015. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Borgard and it passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Administrative Assistant Ryan Muse

  
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Commission Chair Virginia Erickson

