

## Memorandum

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Tom Baker, Town Administrator  
**Date:** July 7, 2015  
**Re:** Appeal/Review of HPC Decision: Livery Paint Colors

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**Purpose:** The purpose of this item is to review last month's HPC decision on Livery colors. This appeal is being brought to Council after a Downtown Group member, Mary Metzger, expressed some reservations on the color scheme and requested a meeting with Council on this matter.

**Background and Discussion:** At Council's June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Council person Leland expressed concern that the proposed colors for the Livery may not be consistent with the town's historic character. Council decided that the color proposal should be brought before HPC for review and approval. (The Code empowers HPC to make this decision and that the decision is final unless appealed to Town Council.)

Patti Ringer and Susan Ruggles made an application and appeared before the HPC on June 15<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting shading changes were offered and the HPC approved two colors – paint chips will be brought to the meeting. HPC minutes from the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting are attached to this memorandum.

Mary Metzger's concern is that this is a big decision and "a little color goes a long way". Ms. Metzger and other Downtown Group members will initiate the discussion and bring thoughts to the Council. Staff has invited Susan Ruggles and Patti Ringer to the meeting. Staff has also notified HPC of this appeal.

**Recommendation:** Staff has not received an alternative color scheme suggestion from Ms. Metzger. It is likely that Council will ask HPC to review any significant change in paint color.

Excerpt from Historic Preservation Commission minutes of June 15, 2015:

5 Commission agreed that the code will be discussed again at the next meeting on  
6 July 20, 2015.

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8 **Consider color choice for the Livery Building at 503 W. Main**

9 Planner Cain introduced the Downtown Group to the commission. Patty Ringer said  
10 that the Group had presented their color selection to the Town Council and that the  
11 council had rejected it, and required the Group to obtain Historical Preservation  
12 Commission approval.

13 After some discussion and viewing samples, the commission agreed on a color.

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15 **MOTION: Commissioner Rippy made a motion to approve a new color**  
16 **scheme for the Livery Building to be painted. Vice Chair Borgard seconded**  
17 **the motion and it passed unanimously.**

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