

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

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4 **Call to order**

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

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7 **Roll Call**

8 Present Chair Erickson
9 Vice Chair Borgard
10 Commissioner Blaylock
11 Commissioner Rippy (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)
12 Commissioner Breslin

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

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17 **Conflicts of Interest**

18 There were no conflicts of interest.

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20 **Review Minutes from Previous Meeting**

21 **MOTION: Vice Chair Borgard made a motion to approve the August 17,**
22 **2015 minutes. Chair Erickson seconded the motion and it passed**
23 **unanimously.**

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

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

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

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

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

37 Discussion: Town Planner Tim Cain stated that 303 W. Main St. met all the criteria
38 for designation. It met the historical requirement because of the role it played in
39 the 1910 shootout between Marshall Rennix and Billy Griffith. Planner Cain noted
40 that there were still bullet holes in the wall of the building. 303 W. Main met the
41 architectural requirement because it was one of the first brick buildings built in
42 town as well as being one of the tallest buildings in town. 303 W. Main had also
43 been home to numerous businesses of significance, including a dance hall, an opera
44 house and a barbershop where New Castle's current mayor received his first
45 haircut. Planner Cain added that 303 W. Main was the only commercial building that
46 was eligible for national designation when a historical survey was conducted in
47 1996.

1 Commissioner Frank Breslin expressed his support for 303 W. Main Street, adding
2 that he too had positive memories of the Trimble Building. Commissioner Breslin
3 expressed his desire for the building to re-acquire its back bar. After some
4 discussion, it was determined that the back bar was now located at the Riviera
5 Supper Club in Glenwood Springs and it was not likely that Mr. Johannsson and Ms.
6 Einarsdottir would be able to obtain it. Commissioner Breslin stated that the
7 building was a lasting part of New Castle's heritage.

8 **The motion passed unanimously.**

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10 Chair Erickson read the notice of public hearing aloud.

11 **MOTION: Commissioner Rippy made a motion to approve resolution HPC-**
12 **2015-1. Vice Chair Borgard seconded the motion and it passed on a roll call**
13 **vote: Vice Chair Borgard: yes; Commissioner Rippy: yes; Chair Erickson:**
14 **yes; Commissioner Blaylock: yes; Commissioner Breslin: yes.**

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

17 Commissioner Steve Rippy explained the data on the spreadsheet he compiled,
18 saying he compared the Sanborn map from 1883 against county records. He used
19 1920 as the baseline for the houses in question because every house built before
20 1920 was eligible for historical designation. The list included homeowner
21 information so the commission would be able to contact those who were eligible for
22 the historical residential survey. Commissioner Rippy reminded the commission that
23 previously, homeowners had been notified of the possibility of a survey by an
24 attachment to the utility bill. This method resulted in seven interested residents.
25 The commission agreed to send out a letter to eligible homeowners in order to
26 discover how many may have interest in participating in a historical survey. In
27 addition, contacting homeowners by letter was a required step in the historical
28 survey process. Planner Cain agreed to write the letter.

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

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34 **Citizen Comments on Items NOT on Agenda**

35 There were no citizen comments.

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37 **Commission Comments**

38 Commissioner Breslin thanked Commissioner Rippy for his effort in compiling the
39 list of current residences built prior to 1920. Commissioner Breslin also thanked
40 Commissioner Rippy for posting historical photographs on the Town's Facebook
41 page.

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

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7 The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Commission Chair Virginia Erickson

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Administrative Assistant Ryan Muse

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