



**TOWN OF GRAFTON**  
GRAFTON MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER  
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Grafton Historic District Commission

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Meeting Room 33**  
**June 18, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Member Attendees:** John Morgan, Bob Perla, Paul Scarlett and John Stephens  
**Non-Member Attendees:** Beth Galloway, Jeff Walsh and Liz Ennis

- **Public Hearing Call to Order**
  - Mr. Morgan called the Public Hearing to order at 7:05.
- **Applications Review**
  - Grafton Public Library
    - Memorial Bench with Planter
      - Request to relocate planter and bench to the rear staff entrance. Mr. Scarlett motioned to approve as requested, Mr. Stephens seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
    - Front Door and Exterior Boiler Room Door
      - Mr. Stephens motioned to accept as presented, Mr. Scarlett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
    - Picnic Table
      - Mr. Perla motioned to accept the application with the condition that a traditional wood table replace the one shown in the application, Mr. Stephens seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
    - Rain Barrel
      - Mr. Stephens motioned to accept the application as submitted, Mr. Scarlett seconded and the vote passed unanimously.
    - Composter
      - Mr. Perla motioned to reject the application for a composter based on its being against MA General Law due to the location being within 250' of a wetland, Mr. Scarlett seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Commission recommended an alternative disposal approach be sought utilizing existing town resources.

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- **Close of Public Hearing Business**
  - Mr. Morgan declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:55 PM
- **Regular Meeting Call To Order**
  - Mr. Morgan called the regular meeting to order at 7:55 PM.
- **Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2015 and May 21, 2015**
  - John Stephens motioned to accept both sets of minutes subject to a few minor amendments, Mr. Perla seconded and the vote passed unanimously.
- **Bills**
  - None discussed.
- **Old Business**
  - Congregational Church Clothing Shed
    - Unclear if a shared dumpster is being pursued with the pediatrician's office next door as had been previously discussed. The clothing collection vendor will be providing funds for additional plantings.
  - Traffic Island and Roadway Reconfiguration Project
    - Mr. Walsh and Ms. Ennis from Graves Engineering were present to discuss their work on this project. Discussion centered on their recommendation for use of a thermoplastic material for certain key crosswalks to make them stand out more and, hopefully, slow traffic. Main concerns raised by the commission centered on a crosswalk being considered for placement in front of the library to provide a safe point to cross to the Common. Due to the placement of a drainage sewer and the need to keep the crosswalk from the traffic on Rt. 140, this location would entail the need for the installation of a significant amount of sidewalk adjacent to the Common. Another concern raised was the lack of an installation of the thermoplastic material at the crosswalk near the Unitarian Church and Magill buildings. With its proximity to the Town House, it was felt this crosswalk should be upgraded with the use of this material. Also, the plans reviewed by Mr. Walsh did not include any green space in front of the Grafton Inn as had been discussed with Mr. Willardson was to be included but to only be completed if funding permits. Mr. Morgan will be contacting Mr. Willardson to discuss our concerns.
- **Executive Session**
  - None held.
- **Adjournment**
  - Mr. Stephens motioned to adjourn at 9:07 PM, Mr. Scarlett seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Paul A. Scarlett, clerk.

