

**BRUNSWICK VILLAGE REVIEW BOARD**  
**February 23, 2012**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Emily Swan, Janet Roberts, Betsy Marr, Jane Crichton, Brooks Stoddard

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kris Hultgren

Emily opened the meeting at 7:15.

**Workshop:** The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick will present preliminary designs of its new church to be built at 15 Pleasant Street (Map 113, Lot 73)

Michael Heath, Chair of the Board of UUCC updated the Board on the preliminary designs by the architect Noel Smith of Lewiston. Present also from the Church were Jessica Tracy and Dave Damour. The goals of the Church are to use as much natural material as possible. Visibility and full accessibility to all are very important factors. A scale model was provided for the Board that includes a front fully lit glass tower, the materials still to be decided. Mr. Heath indicated that the entrance will be from Middle Street and will have a connection to Pennell House. Plans are for the building to be built on a slab to eliminate the cost of digging a foundation. On the Pleasant Street side of the building they plan to have a round glass window with the possibility of a symbol in the middle. It was thought perhaps a chalice, the symbol of the Unitarian Universalist Church. The placement of the old bell is still undecided due to its very heavy weight and the fact that it requires space to turn around 360 degrees when rung. In addition, the Pennell House will be re-sided to match the new building.

Brooks stated that he believes the Pleasant Street side to be its most important face and suggested there be some additional design consideration.

Michael Heath indicated that they will be planning over the next two months in addition to a Capital Campaign and would hope to break ground in June.

**Review:** The Board reviewed and finalized the information brochure. A discussion was held to determine distribution and suggestions were for the Town Website, local realtors, the Town Hall and Planning Office. Emily said she will work with Jeff Pelletier on the final edits and printing.

**Discussion:** The Board discussed the upcoming National Historic Preservation Month in May. The theme this year is Discover America's Hidden Gems. Jane suggested Fred Kourber's tour of the waterfront which has been successfully done previously and suggested it would be good to do it again. Emily said she would follow up on this idea. The photo contest could be a hidden gem series with the Times Record's participation. It was thought they might be able to display the photos in the Frontier or the library. Dates will be addressed at the next meeting.

**Staff Approvals:**

- 11-39:** 60 Federal St. – add three skylights
- 11-40:** 1 High St. - fire landing construction
- 11-41:** 18 Franklin St. – add an exterior door
- 11-42:** 16-18 Oak St. – demolition
- 12-01:** 8 Lincoln St. – add a railing

Kris noted that the schedule for the new Police Station is being worked out and he would keep the Board informed.

**Minutes**

**MOTION BY JANE CRICHTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2012 AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY JANET ROBERTS, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY JANE CRICHTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2011 AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY BETSY MARR, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY JANET ROBERTS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2011 AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY BETSY MARR, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY JANET ROBERTS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2011 AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY JANE CRICHTON, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Attest:

Joan Edwards  
Recording Secretary