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The Warrenton Historic District Commission meet on Monday night, March 23, 2015 at 5:30 PM at the Warrenton Firehouse. Attending the meeting were Commission members: Audrey Tippett, Joan Arbuthnot, Kim Burrows, and Richard Hunter. Absent were Commission members: Marsha West, Bob Shingler and Woody King. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. David Woodson.

An agenda was presented with three Applications for COAs to be considered.

The first application was from the Emmanuel Episcopal Church requesting that a chimney be lowered four feet due to a structural problem. There was no one attending the meeting on behalf of Emmanuel Church to present the COA for the Church. The Commission tabled the request until the next Historic District Meeting on April 27, 2015. The applicant will be notified to appear at that meeting.

The second application was from Mr. and Mrs. David Woodson. The Woodson had trees removed at their home on 305 Halifax Street without first getting a COA from the Historic District Commission. David Woodson presented a written explanation of the reason for the tree removal as well as a COA for a landscape plan for the front yard of his house. After much discussion a Motion was made by Joan Arbuthnot to approve the COA. The motion was seconded by Kim Burrows and carried by vote. Richard Hunter requested that the Woodsons consider reworking their front yards plans so that the large cedar tree on Halifax St. would not have to be cut.

The third application was from Vance Granville Community College. This application had been considered earlier by the HDC at the September 14, 2014 meeting. The application was a request to demolish the former Baptist Parsonage on Ridgeway St. The HDC had requested permission to try and find someone to move the building. All those efforts have been exhausted. The Vance Granville Community College would like approval of their COA so that they may proceed with demolition. Kim Burrows moved that the HDC approve the demolition of the parsonage building at Ridgeway St. Motion was seconded by Joan Arbuthnot and carried by vote.

Following the consideration of the COA, the members had a discussion concerning future meetings. Richard Hunter presented the demolition by neglect sample ordinance from Edenton. He also discussed the need to discuss the update of the Historic District. City Manager Robert Davie has information on this matter. It was decided that the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting should be devoted to discussion of these two subjects.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

This the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2015.

***Richard E. Hunter, Jr.***

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Chairman