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Members present: Bill Bulens, Carl Herrman, Mary McBride, Dave Gagliardi

Members excused: Mike Rea, Barbara Flaherty, Charlene McCarthy, John McKenna

C.T.O – 7:00 pm

Mr. Bob Correnti (Director Housing Authority) presented a proposal to reconstruct the gazebo/ pergola in front of the Talbot Ave building that is situated in the Mill Historic District. He explained that the current pergola is in bad repair and is inadequate to the needs of the residents. He would like to construct a gazebo with roof. He outlined the types of material to be used and provided a detailed drawing of the proposed gazebo.

After question from the Commission for more detail, the Commission was satisfied with both the drawing/plans and the materials.

Motion to approve application #2018-6 as a minor was made by Mr. Gagliardi, second by Ms. McBride.

Vote 4-0-0

Mr. Alec Ingraham presented for Mr. Andrew Bowen a plan to erect a sign describing the granite locks on an iron fence located near the Talbot Mills which is situated in the Mill Historic District. The sign will be the same as other signs Mr. Bowen has requested for other historic sites within the Districts.

Some discussion ensued

Motion to approve application #2018-7 as a minor was made by Mr. Gagliardi, second by Ms. McBride

Vote 4-0-0

Ms. Betty Bigwood presented a proposal including architectural drawings for a planned renovation of an old mill warehouse into The Middlesex Canal Museum. The warehouse is situated in the Mill Historic District. This presentation was made to elicit input from the Commission and does not require a vote at this time. The plan is to add a vestibule on the right side of the current building to provide a covered entrance into the future museum. The plan also includes renovating the existing front door, windows, roof and the addition of a back door leading to a proposed deck overlooking the mill pond. The plan also includes a walking bridge from the parking lot to the proposed new entrance. Ms. Bigwood inquired as to the type of construction materials (doors, windows, roofing etc.) the Commission would be expecting and if the Commission would be inclined to support this type of use for the building.

Comments and discussion ensued.

The Commission thanked Ms. Bigwood and her group for their efforts to repurpose the warehouse building and wished her luck in her work.

The Commission discussed the possibility of enforcing the sign by-laws within the various Historic Districts. It was suggested that the discussion be put off until more of the members were present to offer their opinions. It was agreed and the members present discussed an outline as to how or what may be done to enforce the by-laws and how far the Commission may be willing to go.

Motion made by Mr. Gagliardi, second by Ms McBride to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

David Gagliardi