

**LOWELL HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2013
6:00 PM**

Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Recording Secretary Gena Knapp took roll call. Members answering the roll call were Ken Floyd, Susan Riley, Martha Burger-Farrellbegg, and Clifford Tetrault. Connie Schrombeck was not present. Also present were Building Official Tom Trulley and one citizen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Burger-Farrellbegg made a motion to approve the May 7, 2013 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Riley and carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

PETITIONER: #2013-15 GEORGE DOMACET DBA CHARMED TATTOO & BODY PIERCING, 416 E. COMMERCIAL AVE.

REQUEST: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

PURPOSE: NEW SIGN TO ADVERTISE TATTOO SHOP

George Domacet, 416 E. Commercial Ave., stated he was the owner of the new tattoo and body piercing shop on Commercial. He stated he was asking for permission to install a sign to advertise the new shop to the community so that more business could come to the old downtown area. He stated that the sign would be installed above the door of the shop. Mr. Floyd asked if he was going to use the existing pole that is attached to the building. Mr. Domacet stated after talking to Gary Sign Company, that pole is not sturdy enough to hold the sign, and the cost to fix the pole would be too high. He stated the sign would be attached to the brick exterior just about two feet east of the existing pole. Mr. Domacet stated he kept the historic theme in mind when designing the sign. Mrs. Burger-Farrellbegg stated she really liked the sign and thought that it would fit well with the historic downtown area. Ms. Riley asked if the sign would be two-sided. Mr. Domacet stated it would be. Mr. Trulley asked if the sign was six or five feet tall. Mr. Domacet stated it is five feet tall. He stated it would be right around twelve square feet. Ms. Riley asked if the sign would be below the divider between the first and second floor. Mr. Domacet stated it would be below the divider, five feet long, and about eighteen to twenty inches wide. The sign will be similar to the one for Alli's Attic. Ms. Riley stated in the guidelines it states that the sign has to be made out of durable sign grade material. Mr. Domacet stated it would be made out of a durable wood, hand painted, and lacquered to withstand the elements. Ms. Riley stated she did not see any issues with the design or placement of the sign. Mr. Floyd asked if the sign would be a minimum of eight feet above the sidewalk. Mr. Domacet stated it would be. Mr. Trulley asked how many feet wide the store actually was. Mr. Domacet stated it is eighteen feet wide. Mr. Trulley

stated according to Town Ordinance, you are allowed one square foot per foot of the building, so you would be allowed up to eighteen square feet. Mr. Domacet stated the sign should be right around ten square feet. Mr. Trulley stated the sign would have to be eight and one half feet above the sidewalk, not just eight. Mr. Domacet stated he could do that.

Mr. Tetrault made a motion to approve the Findings of Fact. Ms. Riley stated because the sign will meet the historic preservation's regulations, she would second the motion. The motion carried by voice vote. Ms. Riley made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the new sign, seconded by Mr. Tetrault and carried by voice vote.

ADJOURMENT

With no further questions or comments, Mrs. Burger-Farrellbegg made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 PM, seconded by Ms. Riley and carried by voice vote.

Ken Floyd, Chariman

Connie Schrombeck, Secretary