



Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

Historic District Commission

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125 Hope Street Special Meeting

March 26, 2025 – 125 Hope Street, Bristol, Rhode Island, 02809

In Attendance: Ory Lima, Chair; John Allen, Vice Chair; Susan Church, Member; Benjamin Begenholtz, Member; Christopher Ponder, Member

Also In Attendance: Andrew Teitz, Town Solicitor; Stephen Greenleaf, Building Official; Nicholas Toth, Planner/HDC Coordinator; Roberta Randall, RI HPHC; Nancy DiPrete Laurienzo, Property Owner; Greg Snider, Architect; Madeline Melchert, Architect; Rosaline (LAST NAME NOT PROVIDED), Architect Intern; Robert Bowen, Odeh Engineering/WSP; Alfred Rego, Rego and Rego Law; Dennis DiPrete, Civil Engineer and Principal at DiPrete Engineering; Thomas DiPrete, Real Estate Attorney and developer

Meeting called to order at 11:50 AM at 125 Hope Street, Bristol, RI

A walkthrough of the site was conducted detailing the current conditions of the property and the Property Owner's concerns about rehabilitation. Major concerns surrounded the location of the property in a "V" Flood Zone, and potential issues with storm winds. Representatives for the owner made the argument that the property was not built to withstand high wind or water loads, and there was concern with the condition of the building. Potential options for an alternative to demolition brought up by members of the HDC and representative from State HPHC included variances and exemptions for Historic Preservation.

A walkthrough of the interior of the building was conducted in addition to exterior inspection. Upon completion of full review, the opinion of the State HPHC was requested, which was to be provided in writing at a later time. No approvals or votes were made or taken regarding the proposed application at the site.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair John Allen. Meeting Adjourned at 12:39 PM.