



RESOLUTION

Rescinding Acceptance of the Berry Brick House

WHEREAS, the Berry Brick House on West Queen Street is an architecturally historic property, owned and occupied by Ken and Linda Ostrand; and

WHEREAS, the Ostrands offered to donate the Berry Brick House to the Town of Hillsborough at whatever time in the future they are no longer able to live there, to ensure the preservation of this historic site and for the community to use the house as an artist-in-residence program; and

WHEREAS, the town board conditionally accepted this offer on Nov. 12, 2019, as documented in a resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Ostrands subsequently entered a preservation agreement with the Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina regarding the Berry Brick House and its surroundings; and

WHEREAS, the preservation agreement places significant restrictions and protections on this architecturally historic property consistent with the Ostrands' goals while also allowing their intention for community use of the house for an artist-in-residence program; and

WHEREAS, ownership of historically significant properties and making them available for public use is not a central function or responsibility for the Town of Hillsborough and the preservation easement addresses the town's interests in the long-term preservation of the structure as a resource in its locally designated historic district;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Hillsborough Board of Commissioners, the previous conditional acceptance of the generous gift by the Ostrands is respectfully rescinded. The Board of Commissioners expresses its deep appreciation for the faith and trust the Ostrands exhibited in the town's ability to carry out their wishes for the property. The Board of Commissioners also stands ready to cooperate with the current and any future owner of the property to implement the goals of community access to this resource in a manner consistent with the town's responsibilities.

Approved this 13th day of February in the year 2023.

Jenn Weaver, Mayor
Town of Hillsborough