

Historic District Committee/Heritage Commission
Meeting Wednesday April 13, 2016
Museum 6:00 PM

Present: Frank Farmer, Carol Pynn, Wendy Williams, Joan Normington (Associate), Joanne Dickie

Excused: Derek Saffie

Absent: Peter Griffin

Chairman opened meeting at: 6:14 pm

Prior meeting minutes for approval; March 9th, 2016

Motion to approve: Carol Second: Joanne All in favor Approved to Post

- 2015 Master Plan – We need to write our own. Carol, Joanne, Joan, Frank volunteered to work on this for now, April 21st 7 pm meeting at museum. Per Laura Scott; HDCHC, Recreation and ConComm will all be separate sections instead of all together in one section as in past.
- Windham 275th. In 2017– Pam Skinner offered to volunteer to help. Speaker September 21st 2016, town hall. Benedict Arnold, hero, patriot, or traitor. George Morrison. This starts the 275th anniversary celebration
- Nutfield 300th. In 2019– Joan and Frank went to the March 21st meeting held in Londonderry. Talked about what was done for 250th which seemed less history related. Idea is each town will pick a month and hold their events so there is no overlapping of events between towns.
- Monday is the BOS committee selection meeting to determine which Selectmen will serve as liaison for each committee. Jennifer Simmons may be our liaison.
- Windham Depot/Rail Trail – HDC/HC went to the joint meeting held Friday. They will be at the BOS meeting to present the ATV revisions for the Rail Trail. Motorized vehicles are a concern.
- Town Center Beautification – last meeting canceled, fire pit approved but plan needs to be revised and re-presented as it is in the very early planning stages. Trees were cut down around the common electrical lines. Flower boxes on the town hall windows was considered again and rejected again.
- TRC Updates –
 - Case#2016-11/Preliminary Major Site Plan/Major Watershed/49 Range Rd (18-L-400) – Carol’s comments were included in the March minutes.
 - Building design review for 49 Range Road to address changes from existing to 125 seat restaurant.
- Indian Rock Proposal – nothing new
- Windham Watch Tower – nothing new
- Museum
 - Sign is repaired and ready to put back up
 - Museum Dehumidifier is installed and working
 - Museum Foundation drainage issue was addressed
 - Two basement windows need to be made smaller and the mortar raised at the sill to prevent from falling in again
- Presbyterian Church Steeple – needs to go through HDCHC for steeple repair and the upcoming painting of the historic structure. Currently nothing has come through HDC/HC for review/approvals.
- Sheep Pen – Need to get the signs up, Frank to look into the hardware needed to erect them. Wendy wrote a joint letter between HDC/HC and ConComm to send to the Burnham Road abutters. This is the first of three steps to address the concern regarding easements versus statute misunderstanding. Abutter letter addresses current damage; new abutter and new residents welcome kit letter and article in the WI and PW News to further address the concerns are forthcoming.

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- Frank – Historic Districts have to be voted on by the town. Some possible new ones are;
 - Sheep Pen – it is Conservation Land, and town forest
 - London Bridge – might be private
 - Dinsmore-Hopkins foundation and cattle pass on Rockingham Recreation Trail is private
 - Fessenden-Neal mill foundation and dam area

Motion to close Carol, Joanne second, all in favor; meeting closed 7:47 pm

Minutes by Wendy Williams - Secretary