

HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION
JUNE 8, 2000

ATTENDANCE: W.Bailey; C.Pynn; P.Schenna; M.Stoltz; C.Webber

Minutes of May 11 read and amended as follows: Comments to Planning Board on Toni's Edible Art, lot # was incorrect. The correct lot # is 2-A -600. Motion by M. Stoltz, second by P.Schenna to write this change into the minutes. Passed unanimously.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Bartley House Discussion:

Linda Wilson at the NH Department of Historic Resources has been contacted regarding restoration Vs rebuilding of this structure. She feels that even though it might look like the (real) Bartley House, all the distinctive features and materials, as well as tool marks, hardware, moldings, trim and wear patterns-all of what the National Register calls character defining qualities would have disappeared. Refurbishing and even some remodeling would be fine but not replication. She has forwarded the Commission's query to Jim Garvin, State Architectural Historian. C.Webber and P.Schenna questioned why the basement could not be restored and made into useable space. The Commission feels that more exposure is needed to appeal to interested parties for the lease/restoration project. This proposal will be aired on the Town website as well as advertising in periodicals such as the NH Business Weekly and local newspapers. C. Webber will ask Mr. Sullivan for a copy of the latest add and any responses. The Commission will also explore the possibility of enlisting the help of local realtors.

HERITAGE COMMISSION

1. MORRISON ROAD: On June 20 C.Pynn and P.Schenna walked the property with camera and camcorder to document the road and the house. On June 21, the c.1856 Proctor House was used as a training burn by the Windham Fire Dept. Unfortunately the tape recorded with some interference. The Commission is looking into restoration, possibly with the help of someone in town who might be knowledgeable regarding this. The photographs and the film include most of the original Morrison Road and the c.1856 Joseph Proctor House.
2. WINDHAM JUNCTION DEPOT: C. Pynn contacted Christopher (Kit) Morgan Adm., Bureau of Rail and Transit at the NHDOT regarding restoration and possible relocation of the depot building. He feels it makes sense to develop an alternative use for this historic structure and its possible removal to a more centralized location. He would even go beyond using it as a convenience for commuters but that its use should be connected with transportation in order to qualify for ISTEPA funds. He suggests that the Commission come up with some clear-cut options in the form of a letter. These suggestions will be sent to him and he will see that the proper channels are followed for consideration at the DOT. He also mentioned that there might be a new location for the Park and Ride.
3. ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION AND PRIORITY PARCELS: Communication received from RPC asking for further information on parcels submitted for protection. This will be forwarded to them. Also C.Pynn will contact Cherie Howe from the Conservation Commission regarding the possibility of combining forces for other parcels.
4. COMMENTS TO PLANNING BOARD: Squire Armor Road extension subdivision: the boundary follows discontinued Spear Hill Road. The Commission requests that this road not be blocked off or destroyed and that consideration be given to using it as a woodland trail. Also that the roads presently labeled A, B, C, AND D be given historically appropriate names. The commission will assist in this.
5. P.Schenna presented a schematic that he designed for linking the HDC to the Town website. It

includes descriptions of Town Historic Districts, maps, resources, and other information. His suggestion was accepted unanimously by the Commission and now will go to the BOS for their endorsement.

The next meeting of the Historic District/Heritage Commission will be July 13, 4pm Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Pynn
Chairman, Historic District/Heritage Commission

note: these minutes are in draft form and have not been accepted by the Commission.

