

Historic District Commission/ Heritage Commission

Minutes of September 14, 2005

Present: M. Crisler, T. Furlong, C. Pynn, and P. Schena

1. Review and approval of June minutes

C. Pynn made a motion to accept the July minutes. T. Furlong seconded the motion. M. Crisler suggested an amendment to the minutes, which was seconded by C. Pynn. The July minutes as amended were accepted by unanimous vote.

2. Status of Town Hall: Painting Issues

P. Schena advised of an earlier discussion he had with D. Sullivan's office reporting vendor inactivity. D. Sullivan noted that the vendor advised that all work would be completed by 18 September. D. Sullivan also noted that if the vendor did not complete the work within one week of the promised date, the Town would complete the project.

3. School Board Letter/Response

P. Schena read a letter to the Commission from the School Board. The Commission expressed its pleasure with the Board's cooperative spirit. P. Schena agreed to contact the School Board in reply.

4. State Offer re Searles Parcel

P. Schena raised the matter of the State's proposed acquisition of a small portion of land in the Searles School and Chapel district. M. Crisler reported that the State would acquire the land by eminent domain at a fixed price, despite the Town's seeking a form of in-kind compensation.

5. Village District Master Plan

M. Crisler advised that the Historic District/Heritage Commission meet with Planning Board at its request to discuss the proposed Village District Master Plan. The Commission expressed its eagerness to do so. M. Crisler reviewed various previous Village District plans with the Commission.

6. (Re)Appointments

P. Schena distributed reappointment letters.

7. Presentation and discussion of correspondences and/or other new issues

P. Schena questioned whether Commissioners had any update on the status of the Depot grant submission. He agreed to contact W. Morris to discuss.

C. Pynn expressed concern that the Commission was not consulted regarding recent plantings at the Town Hall.

8. Review of plan/project submissions

The Commission reviewed the Clarke Farm and Copps Hill Estates projects and prepared remarks on each for submission to the Planning and Zoning Board.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted in draft form,

Patrick J, Schena
Chairman, Windham Historic District Commission