

HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

June 28, 2006

Present: Margaret Crisler, Carol Pynn, Beth Talbott, regular members
Carolyn Webber, Nancy Kopec, alternates sitting in for Pat Schena and Mim Stoltz.
Kay Normington excused

Approval of June 14 minutes

Motion to accept as written by M. Crisler, second by C. Webber. Accepted 5-0

HDC & HERITAGE COMMISSION:

Fellows House preservation and entrance to the Village Center District: Owners of the property Tony and Sue Mesiti, along with Peter Zhodi have met with an architect versed in historic buildings. Their intention is to preserve the house and barn although the barn may have to be moved parallel to the house. Non-historic parts of the house (breezeway) will be removed and the house may need a small addition on the back. The lilac bushes and the stone walls would be preserved where possible. This meeting with the HDC to request approval to access the new Village Center District by building a road to the right of the Building Department through the area where the Town Pound is located. The road would then continue up behind Town Hall. The agreement would be that the applicant would move the pound to a different location within the Historic District. Alternatively, the access road would have to be directly through the Fellows House property. In that case the house and barn would be removed. Mr. Zhodi explained that he prefers to go to the Board of Selectmen and the planning Board after speaking first with the HDC. The Commission is willing to compromise to preserve the Fellows House and barn historic property provided the pound is relocated.

Motion by C. Webber to accept the conceptual plan as presented “ preserve the Fellows house and barn and relocate and rebuild stonewalls. In return the HDC will consider allowing the pound to be moved to a different location so that the access road may be built to the right of the Building Department.” Second by Beth Talbott. Motion carried 5-0.

HASELTINE HOUSE:

Peter Zhodi stated that parking for Griffin Park overflow is on hold. The Commission is in agreement that no busses should park here and that there should be no parking in front of the house. Becky Herbert discussed gravel vs. asphalt for the surface. She feels that asphalt and vegetated treatment swale (rain guard) would be preferable. M. Crisler stated that 20 additional spaces may be available at the park itself along Squire Armour Road. Everyone agrees that additional parking is needed.

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- Town Hall painting: will discuss with David Sullivan when he returns from vacation
- Demolition Delay Ordinance has been forwarded to Planning Dept for review.
- Caboose donation: Rail/Trail committee has indicated that they would gladly accept the offer of a caboose for the Depot Historic District. There is also the possibility of a donation of a portion of track to sit under the caboose. Both groups will arrange to meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the acceptance of the offer.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30

Next meeting will be August 9, 2006

Minutes respectfully submitted in draft form

Carol Pynn, Chairman
Windham Historic District/Heritage Commission