

## **Historic District/Heritage Commission Minutes September 13, 2006**

Present: C.Pynn, M.Crisler, Selectman liaison, C. Webber, alternate sitting in for B.Talbott, N.Kopec, sitting in for P.Schena

Meeting called to order at 4:10 pm

Reading and approval of August 9 minutes. Motion to accept as amended by M. Crisler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N.Kopec. Accepted 3-0. C.Webber abstained as she did not attend the August meeting.

- **Searles watch tower update:** The HDC endorsed Searles Watch Tower as a participant in the “Seven to Save” grant program. Motion by M.Crisler that we endorse the inclusion of the tower, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C.Webber. Motion carried 4-0.
- **London Bridge Causeway and Town Center Historic District:** The Commission reviewed the requirements for listing on the State and National registers.
- **Fellows House/Town Pound access road to new Center District:** The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing Monday September 11 to get input regarding public opinion. A decision was made to hold a joint meeting with the BOS, Historic District/Heritage Commission and Planning and Development. Chairman of the BOS will chair the meeting.
- **CIP:** discussion regarding including the Depot Historic District in the CIP request for 2007. Wayne Morris, a member of the Rail Trail Committee, attended to help the Commission gather information.

1. DRED still owns the buildings, but they will lease it to the town, long term.
2. Project is to be (completed?) 2010.
3. The BOS need to have the salt removed
4. Regarding the caboose: money will be needed to move it, and find trucks (wheels) and a small section of rail. There is a possibility of help with getting it moved. The major expense will be restoration. N.Kopec suggested situating it directly on the depot grounds.

Discussion regarding requesting \$10,000 now and the remaining \$40,000 to match the grant in 2010. Discussion regarding uses for it that might help pay for the support of the depot. This will not be a museum piece.

Motion by C.Webber to ask CIP for \$50,000; \$10,000 in 2007-8 for moving and restoration of the caboose; \$40,000 in 2010 for matching grant money. 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Pynn. Motion passed 4-0.

- **Town Warrant:** discussion regarding budget request from HDC/Heritage. The Commission needs money to pay for expenses such as archeological investigations and markers. C.Webber suggested \$8000, no vote was taken..
- New Common Man project: discussion regarding the proximity of the project to a historic resource.
- **Old Business:** Demolition Delay Ordinance: C.Pynn will follow up with Planning and Development regarding status.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm. The next meeting of the HDC/Heritage Commission will be on Wednesday October 11 at 4pm Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted in draft form,  
Carol Pynn, Chairman