

**Historic District/Heritage Commission
Minutes April 11, 2007**

Present: N. Kopec; K. Normington; C. Pynn; M. Stoltz; C. Webber

- Review minutes of March 14 meeting. Motion by N.Kopec to accept as written. 2nd by all. Accepted 5-0.
- Conservation License Plate Grant Application: The Historic District Commission has written a letter of endorsement for the Searles School and Chapel Historic Commission application for this grant. This grant will be used primarily for restoration of windows and roof repair of this National Register Listed property. The building and grounds are also a local Historic District.
- L-CHIP: The state legislature has voted to fund the L-CHIP program (Land and Community Heritage Investment Program) A bipartisan commission recommended the creation of L-CHIP in 1999. The proposed funding was to be for \$12 million a year from a dedicated funding source. However, since its creation in 2000 it has depended on erratic appropriations from the state's General Fund and has received only \$750,000 these past 2 years. Windham benefited from this matching grant program in 2001 when we were chosen as a recipient. The grant was written for partial restoration of the Bartley House across from Town Hall which now houses the Town Administrator and staff. The program will be funded by a \$40 tax on the recording of a deed, mortgage or plat and over the next 2 years should generate enough money to satisfy the original legislative mandate. There is an exemption from this tax for lower income households.
- Historic Buildings and Code Compliance: Hollis HDC will be announcing a rescheduling of this important program. It was postponed due to inclement weather. The Commission will schedule a workshop item with the Planning Board after all pertinent information is obtained from this program.