

***HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES AUGUST 15, 2007***

Present: N.Kopec; C.Pynn; M.Crisler; K.Normington; B.Talbott; alternate C.Webber

Guests: Alex Ray, Moe LaFrenniere, Karl Dubay representing Common Man; Pete Stamos, Project Manager for DOT, Joyce Mckay, Bureau of the Environment.
Marion and George Dinsmore also attended.

- *Armstrong Houses at Common Man Restaurant*
Pete Stamos and Joyce Mckay from the DOT were present to discuss the two historic houses on the C-Man property in relation to the I-93 widening. The DOT has been working with the C-Man representative to preserve the two historic houses on the property. The restaurant will remain where it is with adjustments to the entrance. Both houses will be repurposed for light industrial use. Parking will be kept away from the front of the houses. This is in the Gateway District which encourages mixed use. Karl Dubay, MHF Engineering presented the conceptual plan of the area including both houses, the restaurant and landscaping
Regarding restoration: there is a mold problem in the west house (*Robert Armstrong c.1830/35.*) This will be addressed and stabilization should happen quickly. Waivers will be needed for ADA allowances. Stonewalls will remain in place or moved if necessary. Penchuck water line has been installed. It was noted that the buildings across the road should be spruced up.
Motion by C.Pynn to accept this conceptual plan; 2nd by B.Talbott; Motion passed 4-0 with M.Crisler abstaining.
- *Review minutes June 15,2007*
Motion by B.Talbott to accept as written; 2nd by N.Kopec; motion carried 5-0
- *Nomination for "Seven to Save Program"*
Motion by K.Normington to nominate the Windham Junction Depot buildings and area; 2nd by B.Talbott; motion carried 5-0. Jim Garvin, State Architectural Historian will be speaking about the program at the Robert Frost Farm on Sunday August 19. It was noted that this is not a grant but inclusion in the program opens the door to grants that are available.
- *Demolition Delay Ordinance for 2008 Ballot:* handouts were distributed to members to help research wording from ordinances in other towns. Suggestion was made to use last years wording with changes where applicable. M.Crisler will arrange a joint meeting with the HDC and Planning Board to ensure that everyone is in agreement. An NHDHR representative may be present to help with wording that Town Council will accept.
- *Archeological Sites/ Structures Resource List:* Amy Bernard, summer Town intern, has updated the list by adjusting lot numbers to reflect subdivisions where historic sites have been split. The Commission thanks Mr. Sullivan for sharing his summer help and thanks Amy for her help. The updated list will be posted on the HDC website in the near future.
- *Power Wash Armstrong Building:* C.Pynn contacted NHDHR regarding this. The department strongly recommends against power washing historic stone structures. A letter has been written to the Administrator and the BOS advising against this with reference to Secretary of the Interiors Guidelines for cleaning historic buildings.
- *CIP:* motion by C.Pynn, 2nd by M.Crisler requesting that Transportation Enhancement Funding be continued from last year. The CIP committee will be asked to do this.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm. The next meeting will be September 12, at 4pm at Planning Office.
Minutes respectfully submitted in draft form.

Carol Pynn,

Chair Windham Historic District/Heritage Commission

