

Historic District/Heritage Commission

Agenda April 8, 2009

4pm Bartley House

Present: C.Pynn, K.Normington, N.Kopec

- Review minutes:

March 11 meeting

March 16 site visit to 132 Range Road

March 18 workshop

Motion made by K. Normington 2nd by N. Kopec to accept minutes as written

Vote 3-0 to accept

- **Request for comments from Planning Dept:** Horseshoe Road (**Map 17-L lots 17 & 150**) Application to merge 2 lots then re-subdivide into 6 lots (trees and stonewalls).

HC Comments: stone walls running along and just behind the ROW on Horseshoe Road probably indicate that it was a field boundary. The Commission noted that Planning Board minutes of April 1 state that “stone walls are to remain”.

The Commission had no further comments.

- **Revise “Rules of Procedure”**

Meeting place and day need to be changed to reflect new information. The Commission voted 3-0 to change the day to Wednesday and place of meeting to Bartley House. There were no further changes.

- **Gage Lands: sheep pens/stone walls**

Two members had the opportunity to walk this conservation land behind the high school. One trail is well marked with blue and travels along intact stone walls (with exceptions). It appears that some surveying is being done in the area and parts of stone walls have been tumbled in order to drive in survey markers. This is in violation of State RSA 472:6. J. Glenn Davis, Owners Representative, has offered to help the Commission with maps of the area to better see the bounds. The sheep pens themselves remain elusive.

- **Depot Advisory Committee update**

C.Pynn attended the April 3 DAC meeting. The TE grant requires that both Archeological and Architectural studies be undertaken at the Depot. This is very costly and the hope is that the state may allow the committee to use the vast architectural pictures and information for that portion of the study.

- **Repairs to front door of Town Hall**

The Commission has noted that the door is binding badly on the threshold and that chunks of wood are missing. C.Pynn will write a letter to Mr. Sullivan and the BOS asking if building maintenance could inspect and tend to the problem. A new threshold may be needed and possibly repainting the entire door.

- **Historic District Markers and Signs**

K.Normington has been working on wording for signs for the Depot and Searles Historic Districts. The large stand alone signs will be of the same design as the Center Historic District. The building plaque for Searles Chapel will indicate year built and architect. The Depot building plaque was discussed at length. It can't be too wordy yet should indicate the building(s) date(s) and first and last train dates. May call it "Windham Station at Windham Junction" although other possibilities were discussed. The signs have been paid for from last years budget. A decision will be made at the May meeting.

Respectfully submitted in draft form,

Carol Pynn
Chair, Windham HDC/HC

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm
Next meeting May 13 at 4pm Bartley House