

*Historic District/Heritage Commission Minutes
March 10, 2010*

Present: K.Normington; L.Kimball; J.Parsons; C.Pynn

- Review minutes February 10, 2010: Hold for quorum from that meeting
- **Historic homes in Village Center District:** the Commission has the surveys of these buildings done by the NHDHR in 1993. These surveys contain extensive historical information on the people who built the houses as well as the style and year built. This was the very heart of the Center and many occupations were carried on here. No current information will be used. The articles will feature one house every week in the Windham Independent and will begin in the next few weeks. Photographs taken by Joan Normington will be used.
- **Signage in Village Center District (lot 16-D-450)** the proposed signs for the new complex at the district on Rt 111 are not in compliance with the ordinance. Suggestions have been made to the developer to change the signs to comply with the Village Center District Ordinance. The signs should be dark background with light lettering. All signs should be coordinated in design, height and lettering. The signs as proposed are white Lexan (plastic) with various styles and colors of lettering.
This is the last time the Heritage Commission will have input into signs in the Village Center. Review by the Commission was removed from the new sign ordinance. This was voted on March 9, 2010: amendment #3, Section 706.3.2 where review by the HC is omitted. Discussion ensued regarding this decision by the Planning Board. The discussion also included a possible amendment in the 2011 ballot to reinstitute review by the HDC/HC. Mention was made regarding the Dunkin Donuts sign. Heritage Commission requests for a more tasteful sign were not taken into consideration when the sign was accepted by the Planning Board.
Motion by L.Kimball to reinstate Commission review via an amendment to the sign ordinance on the 2011 ballot. Second by all. Motion accepted 4-0.
- **Depot Update:** Castle Hill Bridge timbers for the platform are not shown on the plans. David Sullivan had stated that this was not within budget. The grating below the freight building platform is still shown. The HDC had asked that this item be removed as it was not historically correct. C.Pynn will look into this.
- **“Martha” at the Armstrong Building:** This historic tree planted 100 years ago was toppled during the rain/wind storm. Discussion on use of the wood from the trunk including plaques or shelves for the library along with other suggestions. Jay Yenacco from Delahunty Nursery has offered a gift of two replacement trees and help with

landscaping. Jerry Parsons will also help with landscaping ideas. Jay will evaluate the health of the tree trunk for re-use.

- **TRC March 9:** there are no historic resources on the property. The developer had suggested using the name Nesmith Rd. The Commission would prefer to have this name reserved for future use. The name Deacon has been suggested as Deacon Jacob Barker lived in this area. Motion by K.Normington to ask for name change to Deacon; Second by all. Motion Carried 4-0
- **Old House and Barn expo:** will be held on March 20-21 at the Center of NH. Steve Bedard who evaluated the Kivikoski and Fellows houses for structural integrity will be an exhibitor
- **Board Reorganization:** C. Pynn will temporarily remain as Chair; K. Normington as Vice Chair; L. Kimball will be responsible for minutes. The Commission hopes to have future attendance by the Selectman liaison as this input is important.
- **Gateway District:** discussion regarding ordinance design review and signage postponed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30\

The next meeting of HDC/HC will be April 13.

Respectfully submitted in draft form

Carol Pynn