



Thursday, February 2, 2024

Community Development Department Conference Room, 7:00PM

Present: Brad Dinsmore (Regular), Frank Farmer (Alternate), Peter Griffin (Regular - Vice-Chairman), Renee Mallett (Regular - Chairwoman), Derek Saffie (Regular - Secretary)

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Meeting was opened at 7:02PM.

Mr. Farmer was seated as a regular to fill Ms. Pynn's position.

Karl Dubay, Simon Beylin, and Mona Beylin were in attendance to provide an update on their townhouse development at 11 Indian Rock Road. Mr. Dubay provided Commission members with updated plans. There was discussion of the historic plaque and reuse of some of the log cabin bricks in the project. Mr. Dubay committed to making approval of the historic elements by the HD/HC a condition of approval by the Planning Board. Ms. Mallett suggested there be a public unveiling ceremony for the plaque.

There was discussion of interconnectivity of trails for public access to the development.

Ms. Mallett asked when the cabin would be taken down. The Beylins are in no rush to take action on the cabin and it will likely come down after the final permits are issued for the development.

Mr. Griffin asked if the Beylins would entertain historic names for the roads. There was objection to the use of "Nutfield" and after discussion there was no strong disagreement to the proposed names.

Mr. Griffin asked about the expected timeframe for groundbreaking. Considering the lead time for permits, legal documents, etc., Mr. Dubay felt that they could realistically begin in May.

Mr. Dinsmore expressed his opinion that the Native American head decoration on the chimney of the log cabin was a disrespectful depiction and would not be the most suitable image to use to preserve the history of the cabin. Mr. Dubay suggested that an isometric view of the cabin could be used on the plaque in place instead of the Native American head. Mr. Dinsmore motioned to use an image of the log cabin along with its name and explanation of the name on the plaque in place of the Native American head; seconded by Mr. Griffin, 5 - 0.

Mr. Farmer motioned to approve the minutes of the January meeting; seconded by Ms. Mallett, 3 - 0 (Mr. Dinsmore and Mr. Griffin abstained from voting as they were absent from the January meeting).

Mr. Griffin shared that there will be a Design Review Committee meeting on February 8th.

Mr. Griffin provided a Town Common Beautification update. They are in the process of having the well water tested to identify means of watering the plants.

Mr. Saffie provided an update on the *Nutfield: Then and Now* book. There has been no update on the involvement from the Londonderry Historical Society.

There was a discussion of signs at Campbell Farm. The Conservation Commission approved a wood sign for the parking lot at the property. The Board of Selectmen recommended there also be a historic sign outside of the

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house. Mr. Griffin suggested involving Tom Paquette in the design of the historic sign. The Conservation Commission has already approved up to \$2,500 to purchase the historic sign.

Mr. Griffin asked about the placement of the London Bridge Causeway historic site sign. There is a possibility that the existing parking area near the causeway is discontinued as a parking lot. After discussion it was agreed to hold off on ordering the sign.

Mr. Farmer and Ms. Mallett will follow up on the third round of notices sent to abutters of the Gage Lands sheep pen in late 2023.

Mr. Griffin provided an update on the Church Road property. A site walk was held and an estimate sent to the management of Windham Terrace for tree and brush removal.

Mr. Farmer shared an update on the Campbell Farm artifacts. The storage unit has been emptied with the contents being dispersed to either the museum or Tom Paquette or disposed of.

Mr. Dinsmore will review the second half of the Historical/Cultural Resource List to identify properties that should be designated historic on tax cards.

Ms. Mallett asked that all members think about goals and projects for the year.

There was brief discussion of the HOP grant the town received, but it was agreed there was no need for historic involvement.

Mr. Farmer asked that the Commission think about ideas for the historic presence at the Strawberry Festival.

Mr. Griffin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23PM; seconded by Mr. Saffie, 5 - 0.

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