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Windham Historic District / Heritage Committee Meeting Thursday, September 10, 2020 Windham Town Museum, 7:00PM

Present: Carol Pynn (Regular), Derek Saffie (Regular), Dr. Michael Speidel (Regular), Wendy Williams (Regular)

Absent: Frank Farmer (Alternate, Excused), Peter Griffin (Regular, Excused), Skot Pare (Alternate), Heath Partington (Selectmen Liaison, Excused)

David Curto attended the meeting to discuss the protection and preservation of the historic stone culvert near 42 Lowell Road. Wendy Williams has confirmed that the culvert is historic and a survey will be needed to add it as a state historic asset. Options for protecting the culvert/bridge from further damage include establishing the site as a historic district or landmark. The Committee needs to investigate the next steps for designating the site as historically significant. Carol Pynn made a motion to send a letter to the General Services Director informing him of the Committee's intention to prevent any destruction or modification of the historic culvert; seconded by Derek Saffie, passed 4 - 0.

The Committee has received donations amounting to \$640, as requested following the passing of Joan Normington. Dave Sullivan will present the donations to the Board of Selectmen to ask them to accept the donations to be deposited into the Committee's trust.

Wendy Williams made a motion to officially recognize the privately established "yellow bike trail" in the Sheep Pen Historic District; seconded by Dr. Michael Speidel, passed 4 - 0.

Wendy Williams will work with Carol Pynn to update the Rules of Procedure. The most recent copy that could be located dates back at least a decade. These will need to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and posted on the town webpage.

Following a review by Attorney Campbell, Section 719 of Land Use Ordinances will need to be revised and clarified. Wendy Williams will pursue the revision with an attorney and then seek approval of the Committee.

Wendy Williams provided an update on ZBA 11-2020, concerning signs placed on Searles Wall at 21 Searles Road. The signs will be removed from the wall and the walls then repaired.

A more detailed professional assessment of the condition of the Town Hall is required prior to any work on the siding. Wendy Williams will seek a \$4,000 grant from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance to cover at least part of the cost of the professional assessment; the remainder of the Committee's budget could be used to pay any portion of cost not covered by grant. The completed assessment document will help with a more accurate CIP for renovation work. The Town Hall has been deemed eligible for a LCHIP grant, which could pay for half of the cost of needed renovations.

Carol Pynn gave an update on the Cobbett's Pond Bridge. She has been in contact with the DOT historic representative regarding placing a sign on the bridge. While not confirming if state permission is required, the representative suggested a pole sign, as a sign could not be mounted to the bridge itself.

CDD is still looking for recommendations of historically significant street names. Wendy Williams has removed already in use names from two previously compiled lists..

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Peter Griffin gave an update on the Governor Dinsmore plaque via email. The poison ivy has been removed and the tree on the wall is scheduled to be removed within a couple weeks. In the spring, more trees will be removed and flowers planted. A bronze restoration company has been contacted to review the condition of the plaque.

Wendy Williams made a motion to send a letter via certified mail to the owner of 88 Range Road concerning failure to observe preservation easement by failing to improve and maintain the historic home on the property; seconded by Dr. Michael Speidel, passed 4 - 0.

Construction has begun on the bridge at Town Common.

In-person Nutfield 300th medal sales will be suspended until 2021.

TRC updates were as follows:

- 2020-14: see Committee comments attached to minutes
- 10 Harris Road: already approved without TRC. Letter of appreciation to be sent to property owner for reuse of historic stones on land
- 2020-16: no comment
- 2020-15: could not identify property

DRC will be revised to see all proposals; pending approval by the Planning Board.

Dr. Michael Speidel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17PM; seconded by Carol Pynn, passed 4 - 0.

Minutes by Derek Saffie – Secretary



TOWN OF WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION
3 NORTH LOWELL ROAD, WINDHAM NH 03087

TRC Memo

To: Dick Gregory, Planning Director

From: Carol Pynn, Historic District Commission/ Heritage Commission Vice-Chairwoman
Wendy Williams, Historic District Commission/ Heritage Commission Chairwoman

Date: 7-14-2020

Re: Case 2020-14



Members of the Historic District Commission/ Heritage Commission (HDC/HC) reviewed the proposal and have the following comments:

1. Property is listed on the Historic Cultural Resource List as the site of a former 1830 hip roofed Federal style home. The lot was one of the originals plotted on Range Road. The structure was demolished.
2. HDC/HC Chair and Vice Chair visited the site on 7-13-2020. The revised proposal plan shows remaining stone walls on the property. It is asked that these stone walls remain undisturbed. The revised proposal does not appear to impact the historic stone walls.
3. The long stone wall between lot 17-I-300 and 17-I-400 appears to be a boundary marker wall with certain protections under RSA 472.6 and should remain unaltered.





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HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION
3 NORTH LOWELL ROAD, WINDHAM NH 03087

10 Harris Road LLC
7 Morgan Street
Windham, NH 03087
July 22, 2020

Dear Property Owner,

On behalf of the Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission (HDC/HC) I would like to extend our gratitude to you for your efforts to preserve the history of the Town of Windham. Your sensitive reuse of the stones from the historic barn foundation that was located on your property is deeply appreciated. The double stone wall erected near the frontage along Harris Road is beautifully crafted and ties the history of the town to your modern usage of the property.

Thank you for your efforts.

Most Sincerely,

Wendy Williams
HDC/HC Chair
