

# **Historic District/Heritage Commission**

## **Minutes of January 18, 2006**

Present: M. Crisler; T.Furlong; C. Pynn  
Guest: Dick Forde

### **1. Review and Approval of Dec. 14 & Dec. 20 2005 Minutes**

December 14<sup>th</sup> minutes amended to read that Mr. Buckless had discussed a new roof on Union Hall but had not notified the Commission that the work had been completed. Motion to accept as amended by M.Crisler, 2<sup>nd</sup> C.Pynn. Motion to approve December 20<sup>th</sup> minutes by M.Crisler, 2<sup>nd</sup> T. Furlong.

### **2. Appointment of Chairperson**

Letter from Pat Schena notifying the Commission of his resignation as chairperson due to advancing work schedules. He will remain on the Commission and will attend meetings as allowed by his work travel. He suggests to have C.Pynn fill the position on an interim basis or to appoint her as chair. Motion by M.Crisler to appoint C.Pynn as chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T.Furlong. Ms. Pynn accepted the position.

### **3. Historic Resource List**

- It was noted that the Historic Resource List needs to be updated and revised. Many of the old lot numbers have changed due to incorporation into new developments. The Commission will work on this as a group.
- The list (as is) will be sent to the Planning Dept. and the Fire Chief. A letter requesting notification to the Commission when a property on the list is intended to be used for fire training purposes. This will allow documentation of the property for historic purposes.

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### **4. Village Center District**

M. Crisler suggested that the Commission put together a detailed program to present to the Planning Board regarding the historic properties included in the district. Most of the properties are located on Route 111 and are an important part of Windham's early history.. The comprehensive State NHDHR surveys from 1993 will be used. One property of particular interest is a log cabin of saddle notch construction. It is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. C.Pynn will send a copy of the survey to the owner so that he is aware of the significance of the property. A copy will also be given to the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen so that it will be given special consideration when the district is designed. The (former)Fellows property is also eligible for the register. Our Master Plan clearly states that the Town feels it is important to preserve our historic buildings and to this end the Commission is dedicated to preserving these properties.

**5. Indian Rock**

Mr. Forde expressed concern over the fate of Indian Rock during the widening of Route 111. The Commission agrees that great care should be taken to see that it is not disturbed. M. Crisler will speak to Bill Cass from the DOT and will report back.

**6. London Bridge Road Causeway**

A state Architechtural Historian expects to complete the survey by Monday January 23. Determination for State or National Register eligibility is scheduled for Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> at the NHDHR in Concord.

The next meeting of the Historic District/Heritage Commission will be held on Thursday February 9, 2006 at 4pm at the Town Hall

Respectfully submitted in draft form

Carol Pynn, Chair Windham Historic District Commission