

HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

NOVEMBER 7, 2007

Present: C.Pynn, Chair; Nancy Kopec, Kay Normington regular members. Carolyn Webber, alternate joined at 5:15

Note that this meeting was held one week early to review zoning amendments before next Planning Board workshop

- **Review minutes October 10:** motion to accept as written by K.Normington with a second by N.Kopec. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Historic District signs:** Discussion regarding design using examples of style and color. The Commission decided to go with a sign designed by Hammar in Pelham. Green background with gold letters and edges; town seal will be at the top. C. Pynn will talk to the sign company. Discussion then centered on support posts. The Commission prefers granite posts. N.Kopec will explore the cost. Maybe it will be included with the sign. The sign must be approved by the Planning Board.
- **Northeast Conservation Lands:** Request received from Conservation Commission for name suggestions for this property. Historic names such as Libby are in use there. Also Schoolhouse #7 was located in the vicinity. The suggestion was made that Morrison's "History of Windham" might give insight as to how the people of the past referred to the area.
- **Depot Lease From the State:** The Commission is disappointed that the lease will not begin until 2011. It is felt that momentum will be lost in the interim and the Commission would like the restoration to move along as quickly as possible. Dave Sullivan is planning to talk to the DOT to see if timing can be improved.
- **Seven to Save:** the application to the state for inclusion of the depot and freight building has not been included in the "Seven To Save" program. However, the Town now has a very special, well prepared document that can be used to apply for grants for the depot area in the future. Many thanks to Wendi Devlin for her help in putting it together.

- **Historic District Zoning Amendment:** Discussion regarding the Commission's request that the Planning Board rezone parcel#2-A-1325 to Historic District. This would be contiguous with the present Depot Historic District. Motion by N.Kopec with a second by K. Normington to write a letter to the Planning Board with this zoning amendment request. Motion carried 3-0. The last zoning session is Wednesday the 14th. C.Pynn will make the presentation to the Planning Board.
- **Demolition Delay Ordinance:** Town Counsel Bernard Campbell has prepared a draft ordinance for Commission review. After reading the draft, discussions ensued regarding revision.
 1. "list" in 2)i)b) should be changed to "lists" as there are two lists: archeological and architectural.
 2. Item 3. add: "allow photographs to be taken for pictorial history"
 3. Discussion regarding item 2)vi) pertaining to architectural features. Motion was made to strike this item but then reconsidered. Motion to retain this item by C.Webber, second by N.Kopec. Motion carried 4-0.

This will be discussed at the November 14 Planning Board workshop. C.Pynn will attend.

Plans-Requests for comments:

- Pike Assisted Living: **parcel #14-B-4800** The Commission had the following comments: This was the site of an 1808 (Deacon Samuel Anderson) farm. The present house does not appear to have historic value. The Commission thanks Mr. Zhodi for his attention to the Historic Resource List.
- Clarke Farm North: **parcel #9-A-500** The Commission suggests to rebuild the stone wall near road A so that it borders road A. Use stone walls bisecting road B to border road B. The Commission would like input for the road names. Attached to the comments is information on the Aladdin Kit House that was on the property. It was listed on the Architectural Historic Resource List but will now be moved to the Archeological List.

New Business: permit requests to Planning and Development for properties on Historic Resource Lists

- Demolition permits: barn at 66 Mammoth Rd. **parcel #19-A-300** (owner Jim Geulakos notified HDC); also barn at 6 Mammoth Rd. **parcel #14-A-5**. Kay Normington will view properties.
- Bien Soigne **parcel #3-B-625** has plans coming to the Planning Board. The Commission will notify the board that this property is on the Historic List.
- **Parcel #11-C-1100:** permit requested for septic enlargement. Planning Dept has assured the HDC that this will not impact the stonework at the mill site.

Conservation Commission is walking the Gage Lands Saturday November 10. All are welcome to attend.

Invitation from Historic Society to join in a group meeting of all historic and conservation groups tonight at the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm

Next meeting will be December 12 at 4pm at Planning and Development

Respectfully submitted in draft form,

Carol Pynn, Chair, Windham Historic District/Heritage Commission