

HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION
minutes DECEMBER 10, 2008

Present: C.Pynn; N.Kopec; K.Normington
Selectman liaison Dennis Senibaldi did not attend

Review minutes Oct 8 & Nov 12 2008

Motion by K.Normington to accept as written, 2nd by N.Kopec. Motion passed 3-0

- **Announcements:** Our congratulations to long time HDC member Carolyn Webber on her election to the State House of Representatives. The General Court meets on Wednesdays and as a result Carolyn may not be able to attend most of our meetings. She will remain on as an alternate.
- **Membership:** Regular member Beth Talbott has requested to be appointed as an alternate as her school duties are precluding regular attendance. We will need to fill her vacancy. The Board of Selectmen has received a request for this spot and will be interviewing.
- **2009 Budget:** C.Pynn met with the Board of Selectman Monday December 8 to discuss the 2009 budget. Unfortunately, as with all the departments, the original request of \$5000 has been cut. The Commission will have \$1000 to work with this next year. It may be used for signs or to pay for an architectural survey on one or two of our threatened historic buildings. The Commission is in agreement that the money should be used for structural analysis on the Kivikoski and the Fellows house/barn.
- **Historic District signs:** Kay Normington spoke with Marion Dinsmore to discuss Searles School and Chapel Historic District sign. A sign of the same design as the Town Center would be appropriate. A separate plaque will go directly on the building and would give the building's National Register designation. That plaque would read:
Searles School and Chapel
National Historic landmark
Built 1907
Henry Vaughn, Architect
Discussion on color of plaques: dark green vs the lighter green as the Town Center sign. The lighter green was chosen for consistency. There is \$3500 to be used by the end of the year for historic district signs and building plaques. K.Normington will place the order for two Historic District signs similar to the Center sign. One will be for Searles School and Chapel and the other for the Depot Historic District at a cost of \$1350.00 each. That leaves enough money to purchase two building plaques at a cost of \$400 each. One will be for the Searles School National Register designation and the other for the depot train station. Motion by K.Normington, 2nd by N.Kopec to order two signs and two plaques. The bill to be submitted by the end of December. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Kivikoski House update:** Peter Zhodi owner, has agreed to allow the Commission to have a structural analysis done by an independent architectural structural engineer. Maggie Stier from the NHDHR sent a list of contacts for such work. Steve Bedard of Bedard Restoration (603-524-1773) has been contacted and is willing to come, inspect the house, and do a report. He suggested that a video camera would be a good idea as an additional record. The HDC should contact him in January to set a date both with him and Mr. Zhodi's tenants. He also offered to look at the Fellows house and barn at the same time. Commission members
- **Depot update:** Maggie Stier from NHDHR has informed the Commission that the Salem Depot restoration project has received a grant from the NH Community Development Finance Authority. She suggests that the Windham HDC may benefit from such a grant. C.Pynn will look into this.

- **Communication:** Mr. Bob Miller is planning on purchasing the “John Cristy House” at 132 Range Road (17-L-45). This historic house was built c.1746. He is hoping to rent the little apartment on the 3rd floor and is planning to occupy the house.
- **Zoning Amendments:** C.Pynn reminded the board that zoning amendments continue tonight. One of the houses on Lowell Road that would be affected is of historic significance.
- **Bartley House:** C.Pynn will talk to Mr. Sullivan regarding moving HDC/Heritage meetings to the room so designated. It was noted that many times records and archives need to be accessible during meetings.

Next HDC/Heritage meeting will be held on January 14 at Planning and Development office unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted in draft form,

Carol Pynn,
Chair, Windham Historic District/Heritage Commission