

HDC meeting Feb 19 2013

HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING

FEB 19, 2013
4:00 pm Bartley House

Present: C. Pynn; N. Kopec; B Parental; P. Griffin

New Business:

The minutes from January 9, 2013 were reviewed. N. Kopec made a motion to approve the minutes; B Parenteau seconded the motion; Vote 4:0 the motion carried

TRC

1/8/13 20-12-37 no comment, no historic properties involved

2/8/13 20-13-3 Weston Rd Estates; question on continuation of Weston Rd; no historic properties involved

Sign post: Simpson Road:

The Board of Adjustment is looking for a variance regarding the integrity of a granite post near the drive way, and dirt road, which is a discontinued road. A photo will be taken of the granite post which held the sign. A date of 1872 is noted on the Historic Archeological list. The question arose: was this post a boundary marker?

There is a direction sign, (fingers pointing and mileage to towns) that was attached to a granite post. This sign has been removed and safely preserved and on view in the Historic Society Museum.

What is the status of Simpson Rd? Was the discontinuation subject to gates and bars actions?

Unrelated: A board was uncovered at the town hall during renovations with the name Geo. Simpson painted on it. It may have been milled at the Simpson mill further up the road. It has been preserved and is stored in the basement at the Planning and Development building.

Northland Farm Marker: Tom Murray would be willing to engrave a large boulder with Northland Farm insignia or a plaque. Bonnie will follow up with discussions with Tom.

Moeckel Dam updates: the asbestos has all been removed from the old mill building; the wiring and transfer box have been removed.

3 companies have been interviewed about rebuilding the dam and the committee has viewed their presentations.

H T E is a hands-on company and was chosen to complete the project.

This will be a functional dam.

Carol is going to Concord NH to meet with the NH Division of Historical Resources for more details.

Presbyterian Church steeple: Dick Ford has suggested that some people are putting cell phone towers in church steeples. Would it be possible to combine a restoration project with the construction of a cell tower? Would a tower be visible or pose any adverse risk to the community or to the church. Bonnie will get a status from Doug Murray from the church committee exploring options at the church.

Town of Ackworth As an example, Peter offered that the Town of Ackworth had a meeting house renovated. Peter will speak with someone about the how they financed this project.

Armstrong Houses NHDHR inventories: These houses were surveyed extensively. They are located near the Common Man restaurant. Carol has the inventories and material on the surveys.

The Cruscious house is being moved by Alex Ray to his property near the Common Man.

Town meeting: VOTE Tuesday March 12; this is just a reminder.

Demo Delay: Bernie Campbell suggested a slight change: A number on a section 719.7.2 should be changed to 719.5.1.

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Budget: the HDC was granted a budget totaling \$1500. This is pending approval by a vote.

Historic signs:

Carol got a price of \$1680 for cast aluminum Historic markers used exclusively for historic districts. We need 2 more. 1 for West Windham Union Hall and 1 for Simpson Cellar. Given the current budget, there will not be enough money for the HDC to purchase signs.

The \$850 signs are painted laminate for marking historic areas such as the pound

If possible the HDC would like to purchase signs for multiple historic sites in town, such as the Town Pound.

A laminate sign, 18 x 24" double sided, 3 colors lettering, border-cut shape would be \$875 with a post. These could be used temporarily for the Union Hall, Simpson and the Pound.

This will be voted on at the March meeting.

Stickney Cellar Hole:

Handrail: Matt Laliberte clarifies that we are not talking about fencing, but a handrail.

Carol had contacted NHDHR NH Div of Historic Resources, Tanya Krajcik, 603-271-2568, for further discussion.

This is merely a proposal at this stage.

It was proposed that there would be plantings around the cellar hole. Matt explained that the plantings would be there to improve the esthetics of the area, possibly 4' away from the wall.

They propose to use day lilies along the side of the cellar hole that faces the caboose side.

Arborvitaes (3' tall) as a natural barrier on the street side may also be used. The scouts will plan to contribute 2 years of maintenance.

There is concern about a disturbance to the area, such as anything that is dug up, such as artifacts.

They have been careful not to take down too many trees. There is a pretty wild apple tree in there which will flower.

They will be aware of safety issues as well as keeping the public from disturbing the area. The handrail will be started with 8" holes dug by hand, by Matt Laliberte.

They need to get information to the Council within a few weeks. It can be delayed, but a decision needs to be made. Nancy brought up the cellar hole area in Pelham as an example.

Peter has supplied the photo of the original Simpson store which he obtained from Brad Dinsmore.

Further confirmation will be done to verify that the picture is accurate on the Stickney home, store, and stables.

Time line for the Eagle Scout project

Spring 2013: done*

1. *Determine approach to fund raising: Car wash
2. Hold fund raising event (s)
3. *Clear around cellar hole and stables (any growth that starts again) Fall 2012
4. Order loam, stone, bark. Mulch
5. Arrange for install or install handrail (approach is TBD) 48" tall; 7 holes will be dug; this would span 2 sides; 21' x 35'.
Action item: update site diagram for east/west/north/south entries on handrail
6. Procure sign/sign post; They have consulted with Jutras Sign and discussed what information may go on a sign; the size of the sign is open for discussion; Action item: get measurements around the cellar hole for the sign;
7. Handrail would be black or green;
8. Install sign/sign post
9. Clear planting beds
10. Install plantings
11. Update Boy Scout planning materials to detail financial handling

Materials:

- Crushed stone
- Bark mulch
- Loam
- Planting (Daylillies, Lilacs, etc)

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- Cement
- Granite sign post
- Signage
- 48" safety railing (2/5" post and 1.5" rail)

Peter made a motion to approve Matt's proposal – this was followed by a unanimous vote of approval.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting date: 3/13/13