

HDC/HC meeting  
Wednesday September 10th  
4pm  
Bartley House

Present: Carol Pynn; Nancy Kopec; Bonnie Parenteau; Peter Griffin  
Dave Sullivan; Laura Scott  
Frank Farmer attends our meeting as a potential member of our committee.

Old Business: Review minutes: July 9, 2014

New Business:

TRC  
July 8/July 22: 54 Haverhill Rd Lot 54-A no historic structures;  
August 12: case 27 Kendall Pond Rd Lot 2611 /L 62 no historic structures;  
August 26: Rocky Ridge Rd no construction; approved by Planning Board; no historic structures;  
Bear Hill Rd: impact because of a driveway; this request has been withdrawn as there was already a permit

New: 2 lot subdivision with Sisters of Mercy property: no new construction but a division is desired;  
No Planning Board application has been submitted

2 options: we can schedule a meeting to discuss this now, or we can wait until a Planning Board Application is submitted

Concern: there will need to be a 75' break in the stone wall around the castle for the driveway.  
No demolition process is necessary since it is not taking down a structure however they would need to post a sign.

A motion was made by B Parenteau to invite the applicants to our meeting 10/8/14. This motion was seconded and passed 3-0.

Laura Scott: on July 7, 2014 Laura sent out an email on the resource lists, requesting that any changes be provided to the Community Development Department.

It is recommended that a process be established when changes to the list are planned.

A discussion took place about additional Master Plan updates on the Resource Lists expansion.  
Laura Scott advises us that we do not need to work on this now. She will let us know when a time frame is determined.

David Sullivan:

Budget: Currently we have funds of \$239.46 from the Eagle Scouts, and \$1500 left in our 2014 budget. This needs to be spent prior to the end of the year.

Also, we must project our budget for 2015.

Options to use the funding include:

Plaque for the Pound

The cost for a historic marker would be approximately \$1840.

Nancy will try to coordinate the installation of the Simpson Cellar sign before winter. Carol will ask Wayne Morris from Conservation, to clear the area. We do not know if there would be a cost for this work. Once the area is cleared, we can walk the property and select a spot for the sign placement.

## Town 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Our Committee is tasked to work on the Town 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project for 2017.

The Historic District Committee is being asked to facilitate the necessary committees to work on the celebration.

Actions could include, updating a book, or refreshing the Town Center. One idea was to use the old firehouse and to improve the driveway area around it.

A general plan would be to improve the appearance of the areas in the Town Center. This may be called a Beautification Project for our town.

It's possible that we should dedicate some budget money to the new book.

A suggestion is made to post an ad in the newspaper. This would allow town residents to join a committee and work on the projects necessary for the Anniversary.

Additional ideas may include a Militia Encampment, a sports event or other functions.

Ideally it would be good to have a Steering Committee identified and in place by Dec 1, 2014.

The Town will advertise for the next 6 weeks.

Greenway Trail: The Town is applying for a grant to expand the Windham rail trail and bike path. It would connect to the current rail trail that passes Windham Depot. It will go along Beacon Hill Rd, Meetinghouse Rd and Old Mill Rd.

There will be an underpass under Rt 93 through a box culvert, and going toward Beacon Hill Rd to Londonderry. It sits along an old, unused rail corridor for the Worcester/Nashua/Portland RR.

Carol introduced an idea to have Joan Normandin provide photos of old houses on cable TV in between shows. This might enhance interest in Historic properties in our town.

Carol was approached by Mark Samsel about an Eagle Scouts project to scrape and re-paint the caboose on the Windham Rail Trail. It is peeling and starting to show wear. Carol gave them the okay to proceed.

Peter noted that the Kivukowski house now has the lower windows boarded up. It is unclear what the plans are for this house.

Watch list: we want to continue to monitor the Log Cabin

The "new" identification of a cellar hole in the Town Forest 28 Osgood Rd has been brought up by Wanda Rice, chairman of the new Town Forestry Committee. It is necessary to visit the area and view the cellar hole. Wanda would like to develop more information on prior ownership. Currently the owner is the Town of Windham.

The Forestry Committee is on plans for managing the town forest that is off Bayberry & Osgood that consists of lots 8000, 7010, 7025, 6500 & 103. There is a nice cellar hole on lot 103 (25R-103).

The Vice Chairman, Norm Babineau, saved GPS coordinates for it.

A timber harvest is planned on the property for the summer of 2015. There are questions on any precautions used to protect it and should there be a trail to it so people could visit it.

The GPS coordinates are: N42.77577 W71.28342.

Adjourned at 6:23 pm

Next Meeting Oct 8, 2014