

**HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 13, 2002**

**Present:** C. Doyle, T. Furlong, C. Pynn, M. Stoltz, and P. Schena

**1. Review and approval October minutes**

C. Pynn made a motion to accept the September minutes. T. Furlong seconded the motion. The October minutes were accepted by unanimous vote (with the abstention of C. Doyle).

**2. Windham Depot historic district considerations**

Concerning the requirements for the establishment of a Windham Depot Historic District, P. Schena reported on a conversation with A. Turner whereby Mr. Turner explained that haste would be necessary to raise the issue with the Planning Board as the first step to bring the matter eventually to a Town Meeting vote. P. Schena noted his attendance later that evening at a Planning Board workshop. He agreed to raise the matter with the Planning Board at that time. C. Doyle confirmed for Commission the state/town boundaries in the Depot area. Regarding the boundaries of a possible Windham Depot district, the Commission agreed to restrict the district only to properties owned by the State of New Hampshire or the Town of Windham.

**3. Historic District Commission Ordinance Amendment - Preparation for Planning Board Workshop**

In anticipation of the 13 November Planning Board workshop to discuss relevant ordinance changes, P. Schena reviewed the amendments prepared by the Commission in July related to the Historic District Ordinance. Discussed specifically were those changes that provided clear guidance to the Commission on matters of architectural design features and restoration.

**4. Discussion of acquisition of historic vistas - follow-up with Conservation Commission**

P. Schena reviewed the letter sent to the Conservation Commission in support of the acquiring land to preserve historic open spaces and offering HDC assistance toward this objective. He noted that he had not yet received a reply to the letter. He and C. Pynn agreed to follow-up directly with the Conservation Commission.

**5. Historic markers program**

P. Schena recalled the Commission's interest in revisiting the establishment of a historic markers program. He reviewed the Commission's previous findings on this program. Commission members reiterated their interest in the program. P. Schena agreed to develop a draft program outline for discussion at the Commission's December meeting.

**6. Indian Rock**

The Commission discussed the current condition of the property on which Indian Rock stands. Commission members expressed an interest in cleaning up and marking the location of Indian Rock. C. Doyle agreed to investigate ownership of the property and report to the Commission at its December meeting.

**7. Presentation and discussion of correspondences and/or other new issues**

The following issues were also addressed at the meeting:

P. Schena advised on the need for the Commission to conduct an inspection on construction at the Windham Presbyterian Church. He agreed to coordinate the inspection with Commission members.

P. Schena reported on a recent e-mail he received describing a virtual history museum website launched by Hollis, NH. At C. Doyle's suggestion, P. Schena agreed to raise with Eric DeLong the possibility of such a site for the Town.

Commission members again expressed their concern with the condition of the Town Hall entry. P. Schena noted several communications from D. Sullivan noting that the entry was scheduled for repair/reconditioning.

C. Pynn expressed concern with the broken window muntins in the second floor Town Hall meeting room.

P. Schena reviewed notices of upcoming DOT public meetings on the I-93 project.

#### **8. Review of plan/project submissions**

The Commission reviewed the Fox Farm (7-B-30, 8-C-300) and Whispering Winds (19-A-800, 801) projects and prepared remarks on each for submission to the Planning and Zoning Board.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick J. Schena  
Chairman, Historic District/Heritage Commission

