

**HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES Feb 8, 2012 4:00 PM Bartley House**

Present: C.Pynn; N.Kopec; B.Parenteau;

Old business:

Jan 2012

Historic District/Heritage Commission Town Report 2011 submitted by Carol Pynn in Minutes from 11/16/11 reviewed and accepted

**Membership letter was submitted to the Newcomers Group;
The same information was submitted to Windham Independent;
so far there has been no responses**

The money left in the HRC account has been returned to the town general fund.

New Business

A site walk was completed on Jan 11 2012: 26 Range Road lot 13-A-100. house on Historic Resource List; notice received from Building Dept regarding demolition of historic house. Lot 3 13-A-100 16 Roulston Rd

There is no opposition to the demolition however the owner was questioned on whether or not he'd agree to having the floor boards or other antique items removed prior to its demolition.

TRC: Jan 10 cancelled; next meeting 2/14/12

Cases: Jan 24:

Case #: 2012-2 no comment; no Historic District Properties

Case #: 2012-3 no comment; no Historic District Properties

Simpson Cellar Historic District

Carol contacted Scout leader, Mr Cole; some information was given to him; it is hoped that the area could be cleaned up

Discussion took place to explore alternatives to clean up the cellar hole; ie landscapers; volunteer groups, etc.

Presbyterian Church steeple; information was given to the church

Contact was made to Nadeen Peterson from the Dept of Historic Resources at the state and she in turn contacted Maggie Steir for further information.

The evergreen tree at Searles School Historic District has been taken down. the area has been left in disarray, is unsightly and needs to be cleaned up. A letter will go to the Town Administer to read at the next meeting.

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RSA 674:45 (speaking to exterior of buildings, ie landscaping) and 674:46

Discussion Master Plan update; due 2015

In 2010 a review was done of the 2005 Master Plan by the Planning Board. The Goals have been removed. Perhaps they should go back in.

Ideas: create a brochure on historic sites and buildings.

The brochure and a map could be handed out to various businesses to advertise our resources.

We may give a sample of a brochure to Mark Sansel of the Windham Rail Trail and Mr Cole of the Eagle Scouts to see if any of their scouts might like to help create one for Windham.

Possibly a high school student or an art class would be interested in creating a map of Historical sites, areas, structures which would be for our front page.

As an example, Merrimack has a plan that begins with a map of the town showing properties, sites and structures.

This might be made available to realtors, newcomers, or other groups interested in historic aspects.

We may speak with Eric Delong an IT person for the town to assist with a town map as a template.

The Master Plan will also include our Historic Resource List.

Fellows House; it has become unsightly and it is felt that it is an undignified end to a beautiful historic home

**** bring in new calendar!**

NEXT HDC MEETING March 14, 2012