

**Historic District/Heritage Commission Minutes**  
**February 21, 2007**

**Members Present:** M.Crisler, N.Kopec, K.Normington, C.Pynn, B.Talbott, C.Webber

Review minutes January 10 meeting. Noted that N.Kopec was not listed as attending. Minutes accepted as amended to include Ms. Kopec.

Due to inclement weather on February 14, this meeting was postponed until Feb 21.

- **Signs for Historic Districts:** Discussion centered around design, size, and material. Size will be different for each of the five signs but design should be similar. Placement will also be different depending on location, whether on the building or free standing. Kay Normington displayed two small examples from a sign company she has done business with. C.Webber will speak to the Planning Dept. regarding sign regulations and with Hammar Company for material and design suggestions. C.Pynn will speak to Marion Dinsmore regarding the Searles School and Chapel sign. Once the Commission has a plan, a company that specializes in signs will be invited to a Commission meeting.
- **London Bridge Road:** Regarding discussion with GlenDavis who represents the town as project manager with Harvey Construction. He has stated that no equipment or vehicles will go across London Bridge Causeway. He will be there daily to ensure this. He understands the sensitivity of the area. They may build a temporary structure next to the bridge as well as a small bridge across the brook. Once the heavy equipment is at the site it will remain there. They also have permission to access the site from the back.
- **Range Road renaming:** Board of Selectman and the NHDOT held a meeting on January 22 regarding renaming of that portion of Range Road where it follows Rt.111 to Rt. 28. Police and Fire Departments are seriously opposed to retaining the historic name due to safety concerns. The Commission is opposed to the name proposed by the state "Canobie Lake Road" as this is not historic to the area and is a Salem name. The Town has jurisdiction over the name, therefore the Commission will research and submit possible names to the Town.
- **Road Names Approved:**
  1. *Buttrick Rd. (replaces Southgate Drive as suggested by developer)*
  2. *Alexander Rd (replaces Overlook Rd. as suggested by developer)*
  3. *Burnham Rd. (replaces Jamestown Rd. as suggested by developer)*These names accepted names were suggested by the Commission as historically significant for the areas involved.  
*Request by the BOS to update the road name list*

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**Communication Received:**

- Save Our History Grant: This grant of approximately \$10,000 is offered every year. All tenth graders in NH are required to study NH history. The depot would be a good recipient and the railroads a perfect NH history topic for this use. The Commission will pursue this grant for next year. More information to follow.
- Town Tax Map Atlas: thanks to Shawn Logan of the Planning Department, the Commission has a copy which will be invaluable for updating the Historic Resource Lists.
- HDC member Carolyn Webber is also a member of the Depot Advisory Committee. She has been appointed project manager for the Caboose Restoration Project. It was noted that the caboose cannot be moved to its new home at the depot until April. Ms. Webber suggested that someone might speak to the 4<sup>th</sup> graders about train history in Windham. A member of the Commission will speak to the Historic Society about sponsorship for this program.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6pm. The next meeting of the HDC/Heritage Commission will be March 14, 2007 at the Planning and Development Dept.

Respectfully submitted in draft form,

Carol Pynn, Chairperson  
Windham Historic District/Heritage Commission