

Historic District Commission/ Heritage Commission

Minutes of March 16, 2005

Present: M. Crisler, T. Furlong, C. Pynn, and P. Schena

1. Review and approval of February minutes

C. Pynn made a motion to accept the February minutes. T. Furlong seconded the motion. The February minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

2. Joint meeting with Windham Depot Advisory Committee

P. Schena invited Mark Samsel, Chairman of the Windham Depot Advisory Committee to proceed with the Committee's meeting. By way of introduction, M. Samsel discussed the charter of the Committee and agreed to provide HDC members with information packets on the Committee's work.

M. Samsel reported that D. Sullivan indicated the Town's request to acquire the Depot buildings was in the state internal process of property release review.

M. Samsel further reported that the Town's website had been updated with a new Advisory Committee page. P. Schena reported that he had requested the HDC's site be restructured to conform to the Town's, that a Windham Depot Historic District Page be created, and that it link to the Advisory Committee's page. M. Samsel reported that these changes had all in fact been recently made. Both groups reviewed the various changes with approval.

Jon Normington discussed his progress to date and continuing efforts on a timeline of Depot events.

Regarding the Salt Shed located on the Depot site, the Committee discussed the status of a DOT/DES/EPA "Pilot Community" Study Committee. Jack McCarthy reported, based on feedback to date, that Windham's progress with respect to policies/procedures is ahead of that of other towns. Concerning a EPA "Storm Water Compliance Plan" Audit, J. McCarthy reported that a review meeting with the EPA revealed no difficulties to date.

Concerning the relocation of the salt shed, the Committee accepted a motion, which passed unanimously, to recommend that the Highway Department begin the process of relocating the salt sheds. B. Breton agreed to advise the Board of Selectmen with the recommendation to coordinate discussion on the matter among Town Committees.

M. Samsel lastly discussed the recent activity of the Windham Rail Trail Alliance, a private organization, organized to raise capital and advance the development of the trail system around and through the Depot.

3. Status of Town Hall: Painting Issues

The Commission agreed to continue this item to its April meeting.

4. Presentation and discussion of correspondences and/or other new issues

There were no new issues raised at this meeting

5. Review of plan/project submissions

The Commission did not review any plans or submission at this meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted in draft form,

Patrick J. Schena
Chairman, Windham Historic District Commission