

**Windham Historic District /Heritage Commission
Meeting May 10, 2006**

Meeting called to order at 4:20 pm

Present: Margaret Crisler, Selectman Liaison; Carol Pynn, Chair; Mim Stoltz; regular member. Pat Schena; Beth Talbot, regular members excused. Nancy Kopec, alternate sitting in for Pat Schena; C.Webber, alternate sitting in for Beth Talbot.

- Minutes from April read and amended to correct spelling of M.Stoltz . Motion by C.Webber to accept as amended. Second by all. Motion carried unanimously.
- Caboose donation: Bill Duggan has offered a caboose for the Depot Historic District. It does not have “trucks” (wheels) which means it must be transported. It will have to be restored. The Commission feels it would be a great addition to the District. The BOS must be approached to accept the donation. To view the caboose: go to depot.com then BOS. Motion by C.Webber to allow the caboose to be housed in the Depot Historic District pending approval for acceptance by the BOS, second by M .Crisler. Motion carried unanimously.
- Haseltine House: Griffin Park overflow parking, postponed

- **Heritage Commission business:**

- **Discussion: Entrance to Town Center District**

- Peter Zhodi and Susan Mesiti were present to discuss the design. The plan as presented calls for removal of the Fellows House and barn as well as an impact to the Town Pound. The Commission disapproves of this plan because the Fellows property is of special significance as an entrance to the Town Center and the pound is part of the Historic District. It was suggested to ask for a variance to move the road to the left of the house. Mr. Zhodi stated that there were some drainage issues to be dealt with.

Mrs. Mesiti discussed possible replication of the barn and house. The Commission would prefer to see the old buildings reused, with the exterior preserved but the interior reconfigured to modern standards for business use. The Commission invited Mr. Zhodi to come to future meetings to discuss plans as they progress.

HDC Business:

- **Demolition Delay Ordinance:**
The Commission is working on an ordinance that would require a 30 day delay before issuance of a permit for demolition of structures on the Historic Resource List or structures built before 1940. The State uses this date as a benchmark for historic surveys. This would allow time for the Commission to discuss re-use options with the owner or at the very least

photographic documentation of the building or the site. C. Webber suggested using assessors computer records as a means to document building size and placement on the lot as well as to add street numbers. The Commission agreed that this is a good idea. A draft as presented was reworded and will be finalized at the June meeting.

- **Plans or other submissions:**

Spruce Pond II

Comments: There is no key on the plan and there are no lot numbers. The Commission can't comment intelligently without more information. There do not appear to be historic resources on the property.

The next meeting of the Historic District/Heritage Commission will be June 14. Meeting adjourned at 6pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Pynn, Chairman