

DARTMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Minutes - April 7, 2014

Present: Philip Baker, Susan Ertelt, Bob Harding, Joseph Ingoldsby, Bev King, Peggy Latimer, Judy Lund, Bob Smith

Absent: none

Guests: Cliff Rice, VP, DNRT; Tom Yena; Christina Sewall; Don Plant;

Judy Lund called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Appointment of a secretary: Peggy Latimer took the minutes.

Minutes: March 3, 2014 Minutes approved unanimously.

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Demo Applications: as may be submitted to the Building Department and received by the Historical Commission before the meeting including:

31 McCabe Street: demolition proposed; boarded up for some time. Motion made, seconded, and voted, 7 yeas, 2 abstentions that the building is no longer historically significant.

Old Business:

CPC update: Peggy reported that CPC approved the Apponegansett Meeting House Roof Restoration project of \$50,850. It also voted a condition in the grant agreement that the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends must submit a budget and plan for the ongoing maintenance of the property.

Russells Mills Library Update: Windows been replaced; next to be done the additional shutters on the north & south sides of the building; electric service box has been replaced; old wire on exterior been updated;

Stone Barn Report: Deborah Melina Wender has been communicating with Audubon to try to get the remaining issues resolved on the PR.

TTL update: Judy reported that it has finished the current year and has provided a final report. Bills from ttl: March 14, \$8,120 and March 28, \$3,480 for a total of \$11,600. Motion made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve both bills.

Plaque program: Susan presented alternative proposals. She suggested we look at 8 Winter St.; Elm to Winter; take a right; metal on old wood. George Nelson, 15 Summer St.; composite with sticker. End of High St.; end of Elm first house the left. Corner of 3 Pleasant & Fremont; on metal.

Russell Garrison: National Register nomination: The PR issue has still not been settled.

Russells Mills Proposed Street Lights: Judy reported that there were many comments at the meeting. There was no electricity in Russells Mills until 1930s. The hearing is continued to May 6. Judy will attend.

Dartmouth 350: Judy suggested we visit the website to see what is happening and where to volunteer.

Exterior of Buildings: Advice to residents: Damon has begun to research. He has gathered examples. He will move further.

Re Book on Smith Mills. Motion made, seconded, and voted to authorize use DHC photographs and files. Any profits would go to moving the old North Dartmouth Library. The vote was 8 yes 1 opposed only in relation to use of photos.

Telecommunications Tower, 300 Gulf Road: Judy read Stuart McGregor's letter to CPC. He indicated if Concordia does not do it, a neighbor will. See attached. Judy tried to reach the person at EBI Consulting and been unsuccessful.

Scanning old form Bs: Gregg Barnes is letting us use his sophisticated copier.

Info on Demo review bylaw at Building Dept office: encourage them to put it under glass: not yet

New Business:

Cliff Rice re DNRT plans for expansion: He is Chair of a committee looking at space planning for DNRT. Space issue at offices at 404 Elm Street. 820 sq. ft vs. 2,000 sq. ft. See attached materials. Members made numerous comments and encouraged him to continue.

Use of Room 308 by others. Some concern about condition of the room and possibility that materials are being taken.

ADJOURN:

Motion made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Next Meeting: May 5, 2014