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DARTMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2014

DARTMOUTH TOWN CLERK

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

Also present: Joseph Booth, architect/consultant for the Town Hall Project
Greg Barnes representing Town Hall, 211 cross road
Paul Bennett Representing 25 Arch Street
Jay Lanagan representing 959 Hixville Road
John Gomes representing 94 Luke Street
Kevin Welch representing 200 Rockland Street

Peggy called the meeting to order at 6:10

Appointment of a secretary: Judy will take the minutes.

Review and Approval of Minutes for meeting of April 7, 2014 Voted unanimously to approve.

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

25 Arch Street: Replace windows with vinyl windows and vinyl siding. Neighboring house has vinyl; across street is the tall house with blue tarp. Upon motion duly made and seconded: Voted unanimously that the building is not historically significant and they can go forward.

959 Hixville Road: Wants to demolish barn and other buildings for redevelopment. Has contacted Yankee and they want none of the building parts. Upon motion duly made and seconded: Voted unanimously that the building is not historically significant and they can go forward.

94 Luke Street: Wants to add a bedroom. All the neighboring houses are vinyl sided. Upon motion duly made and seconded: Voted unanimously that the building is not historically significant and they can go forward.

200 Rockland Street: The house has asbestos siding, is in bad shape. Upon motion duly made and seconded: Voted unanimously that the building is not historically significant and they can go forward.

Town Hall, 400 Slocum Road: siding change to the rear of the building. The plan is to remove the stucco on the back that was applied in the 1980s renovation. The stucco has had significant water damage. They will brick up to the original water table. Are planning to use dryvit, a synthetic stucco and insulation product, applied over wire lath, mechanically fastened, and pilasters to provide expansion joints and seal the corners, brick corner on the face of the building. The expected life of this product is 15-20 years. Want to put canopy over lower handicapped entrance for protection of visitors, change lighting fixtures to LED bulbs.

Color discussion: Booth suggests white or light color, which won't fade as the current red has done. There was brick behind the stucco. He suggests that this repair isn't brick, so make it look like stucco, which it is.

Windows are aluminum; will have to be replaced eventually.

Light fixtures: The current fixtures have broken globes that cannot be replaced. Booth suggested a modern fixture that will take LED bulbs. Booth will look at style of fixtures more modern than are on the drawings presented.

Discussion of possible energy efficient paybacks---maybe some on light fixtures.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted: to Approve the design for the rear of the building as presented which is consistent with the historical nature of the building.

Old Business:

CPC: No report since CPC met before DHC in April.

Russells Mills Library Update: Shutters are going up this week.

Stone Barn Report: Preservation Restriction: still discussion of whether CPC money may be used.

TTL update: Message today from Julie Larry. Judy and Peggy will meet with her about the last batch to be done.

Plaque program: Susan will have a plaque made for the next meeting. She was unable to attend tonight.

Cemeteries: signs \$54.00 available: Nothing new

Akin House: Nothing new. They will have activities during the Dartmouth 350 celebration.

Star of the Sea project: Nothing new

Russell Garrison: National Register nomination: We are requesting of CPC an extension to next fiscal year for this project because of all the problems with the PR.

Dartmouth 350: see the website. It gets updated regularly.

Exterior of Buildings: bylaw to encourage care: Damon will email his draft of a flyer 3-fold. It is our goal to create an educational piece that some people might read. He considered how to get the right tone, make it short. Bob discussed a film with DCTV to explain this.

Discussed getting building suppliers behind this for funding.

Use of photographs: Nothing new

Light fixtures for Russells Mills Historic District: Meeting date has been changed, not certain yet.

Smith Mills Book: progressing

Telecommunications Tower, 300 Gulf Road: nothing more. Judy will let Brona Simon know that we have heard nothing about the required archaeological survey.

Scanning old form Bs: Need to know what we're redoing before we scan old forms. This will depend on our meeting with Julie Larry of ttl architects.

New Business:

Lighting for Poole School/Town Hall: this subject was discussed with the town hall discussion above.

211 Cross Road: Greg Barnes reporting: Town wants to demolish the house and the shed behind it. The property was bought for new library, which was ultimately not voted. Building is in bad shape; the cost is too much to repair. Shed could be pushed over. There is a dump there. Was occupied until last year by the former owners who were renting from the town until the future of the property was decided. The town would be willing to give the building away. The property would probably have a town use.

Approve payment for file cabinet, book shelf, and paper supplies, money to be taken from CPC funds; Upon motion duly made and seconded: Voted unanimously

Compensate JNL for ink cartridges \$41.98 from CPC funds Upon motion duly made and seconded: Voted, Judy abstained.

Deborah Molino Wender gave us some walking tours from another town as examples.

Letter from VHB Transportation re reconstruction of Tucker/Hathaway Road intersection: Looking for our input. We should let them know by email that the old library that there is an historic structure in the path.

Office reorganization: more filing to be done. Bev has two more boxes from Fernandez estate that she will deliver.

Three framed photographs were donated by Beth Gay: aerial view of the South Dartmouth shoreline dated December 1938, Aerial view of Salters Point c. 1970, and a photo montage of Colonel Green estate and whaler Charles W. Morgan located there. Judy will write a letter of thanks and confirmation of the accession..

ADJOURN: Voted at 7:40

Next Meeting: June 2, 2014

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There are no minutes because we failed to get a quorum.