

**DARTMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2014

Present: July Lund, Bob Harding, Damon May, Philip Baker, George Ripley, Jordan Barson  
Also present, Richard Jeffrey (1396 Tucker), Betsy Lawrence (2 Woodside), Greg Barnes (211 Cross Road)

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Meeting called to order at 6:32

Appointment of a secretary: Judy took notes

Voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting of Oct 6, 2014 and ratify the actions taken at that meeting.

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

2 Woodside Ave: Voted unanimously that the building is not historic and the repair of the roof with asphalt shingles may go ahead.

1396 Tucker Road: Voted four in favor and one abstention (because it is Georges' Godmother's property) that the building is not historic and the dilapidated shed addition may be taken down.

211 Cross Road: Voted unanimously that the house is not historic and may be demolished or given away if an offer to move is made.

Old Business:

CPC update: Damon reported that CPC will meet on Nov 4 to hear a report on the master plan for the Akin house. This is a public meeting and all are welcome. He also reported that CPC is considering creating a short application for projects that do not require large a outlay of funds, say in the \$5-10,000 range. Other towns have done this to simplify the process for small grant funding.

Russells Mills Library Update: The DAHS is preparing an RFP for renewal of their lease

Stone Barn Report: On David Cressman's advice, the commission members voted unanimously to sign the preservation agreement with the condition that this approval is contingent upon the completion and signing of a memorandum of understanding that creates a guarantee fund of \$5000 to endow the preservation restriction; the preservation restriction may not be recorded or released until the MOU is signed by all parties.

TTL update: Judy heard from ttl today that they are doing research on the last batch of forms, and will come to Dartmouth to do photography when the leaves are off the trees.

Plaque program:

Request for 897 Smith Neck Road : The commission cannot justify the building date of 1814 for this house. Henry Worth papers at the Whaling Museum note that when the land was transferred in 1824, there was a house on the west side of the road, but there is no mention of a house on the east side. Linda DesRoches, former owner of the house and former chair of the commission, agrees that 1814 is too early. She concludes from the interior and from paint analysis done on the trim of the house, that the house was probably built in the 1830s.

Launch of the plaque program: The members reviewed the draft of the introduction and application forms, suggested a few changes, and voted to begin the newly revised plaque program as the commission's contribution to the Dartmouth 350 celebration.

Russell Garrison: National Register nomination: Commission members voted unanimously to authorize Judy Lund to sign a contract with Public Archaeology Lab to complete a national register nomination form for the Russell Garrison Site.

Dartmouth 350: Bob reported that a commemorative book of Dartmouth 350 activities is

being put together by DCTV and will be made available for sale when completed.

Exterior of Buildings: Damon will report next month on his progress on an informational flyer

Smith Mills Book: Bob Harding reports it is coming slowly.

Telecommunications Tower, 300 Gulf Road : ZBA will hold a hearing on Nov 5. We still have heard nothing from EBI Consulting about the archaeological study that was being done on the site, so Judy will again notify the ZBA that the Historical Commission still can offer no advice because of lack of information from EBI Consulting.

Scanning old form Bs: n Judy raised the possibility that the town should link directly to the state MACRIS site rather than asking Mike Courville to scan all our old forms and put them on the town website, because this would be a duplication of effort.

318 Chase Road: There will be an open meeting of the committee of persons interested in preserving this house at 7 pm in the Russells Mills schoolhouse.

**New Business:**

Joseph Ingoldsby's resignation from the commission was received with regret. The members of the commission acknowledged the amount of work Joseph did for the town in the year he served on the commission. Judy will send our thanks.

The commission received with thanks a number of printed materials on Dartmouth purchased by Cyndi Marland from an antiques dealer for the commission's files.

ADJOURNED at 8:15 pm.

Next Meeting:,December 1 , 2014