

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE September 11, 2014 MEETING.

Present: Bruce Roullard, Sherrie Benner, Janice Labrecque, Noah Miner, Jane Bell, Dahalia Lynn. Also present were Town Manager David Cole, Fire Chief Bob Lefebvre, and Code Enforcement Officer Freeman Abbott.

The Committee heard presentations from Chief Bob Lefebvre and CEO Freeman Abbott regarding how building codes and life safety codes impact historic building. There presentations indicated that there was a reasonable amount of latitude for homeowners when it came to repairs or improvements to their own homes. The codes became more important with some commercial property.

The committee discussed the available information collected by the Historic Society years ago regarding old homes in Gorham and also discussed the list of home built before 1950, provided by the Assessing Department and identifying potential buildings of historical importance in Gorham. Dahalia Lynn provided a template that could be used to compile the information.

The committee also briefly discussed a draft mission statement provided by Noah Miner. He was going to work with the comments from committee members to develop a new draft.

Next scheduled meeting is October 9, 2014