

HHC Minutes December 2, 2008

Members Present: D. Coots, C. Cutler, J. Feist, L. Horowitz, J. Martin, R. Minar, R. Saalfield, R. Sprague

Members Absent: S. Frechette,

- Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.
- Minutes of the November 2008 meeting were accepted unanimously.
- J. Feist distributed new DVDs made by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, 'Local Historical Commissions of Massachusetts'. He asked that every member of the HHC watch the DVD before the January 2009 meeting at which Chris Skelly (state rep for cities and towns for historic commissions) will meet with us to discuss 'the design and creation of new historic districts.' R. Minar suggested that at this meeting we provide a map of the potential borders of the historic district that could be created in Still River Village.
- J. Feist distributed his single copy of the draft of the town's 'Open Space and Recreation Plan' and asked that we all read the on-line copy and make pertinent copies by December 18 2008.
- J. Feist distributed draft documents of the HHC rules and procedures and asked that these be read in time for the January meeting, when they will be discussed.
- At 8 pm a public hearing was called to order to discuss the proposal of a number of citizens to install bike racks at the new town library in memory of Roy Moffa, former library trustee, fundraiser and building committee co-chair. This group of citizens, represented tonight by Dick Clawson, has presented the HHC with two different designs: one is a circular bollard and the other is a metal bicycle. There would be six racks in total, all painted black. A plaque commemorating Moffa would be installed at the site. Moffa's friends are the sole source of funds for this project. A vote was taken on the design of the simple bollard. This design was approved unanimously. A vote was taken on the second design, a tubular metal bicycle. J. Martin and D. Coots were both comfortable with the lightheartedness of this second design, an aspect that Martin considered in its favor as a friendly welcome to what he called a 'somewhat severe' design for the Old Bromfield addition. Coots wondered if we 'aren't getting a little too close to the limits of our authority' by adjudicating the merits of these two designs. Members voted unanimously to accept this second design. Feist will ask the library trustees to notify us about the size, location and wording of the commemorative plaque.

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- J. Feist announced that he is going to write a letter to the BOS on a number of issues of importance to the HHC. Among these issues are the paint job very obviously needed at the Town Hall (and the issue of possibly noting the historical inaccuracy of the current all-white paint job). He will also address the issue of long-term maintenance of the Herb Drying House in Shaker Village and ask the BOS if prior mention of recruiting a professional grant writer, who could work for all committees in town, is still under discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Roseanne Saalfield

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