

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
TOWN OF JAFFREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
DRAFT - MINUTES OF MEETING

November 6, 2014

Present: Rob Deschenes, Nancy Lloyd, Jack Minter, Ron Reid, Kit Schiele, Rick Stein

Unable to attend: Marijean Parry, Thomas Rothermel

Chairman Ron Reid called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

MINUTES:

Minutes from the October 2, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Rick Stein motioned to approve the minutes with Jack Minter seconding. The motion passed with the minutes approved as read.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The First Church of Jaffrey Signage

History:

In May 2104 representatives of the First Church applied for road sign approval to the Board of Selectmen. The board granted provisional approval and referred the matter to the Historic District Commission. In August, a representative made a presentation to the HDC about the placement of two road signs directing travelers on route 124 to the location of the First Church. At the time it was stated that neither sign would be placed in the HDC. The HDC board felt that if the signs were outside the District then it had no jurisdiction. The signs were set in place late October. The Jaffrey Code Enforcement Officer notified the HDC that in fact one of the signs was well within the HDC boundaries and felt that the HDC needed to address this.

Representatives from the First Church were invited to our November meeting to explain this. Ms. Carol Hess and Mrs. Mary Jo Marvin attended the meeting. Ms. Hess explained that the sign was inadvertently placed within the boundaries. Given the nature of the sign, its placement and the efforts that the First Church took to comply by all rules, the HDC board after considerable consideration voted no objection to the sign. It was decided that a letter would be sent to the Jaffrey Board of Selectmen asking that the "provisional" aspect of the approval be removed and the sign approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Hearse House Project

Rob Stephenson, Jaffrey Historical Society, Pres., has proposed plans for the creation of a replica of The Hearse House to be drafted and built by ConVal students and placed near the Meeting House, the Horse Sheds, and The Old Burying Grounds in Jaffrey Center. The House will hold 2 hearse chassis in a larger replica of the original structure. Mr. Stephenson or a Historical Society representative was invited to attend the November 6, 2014 meeting. Mr. Stephenson was unable to attend and asked that he be allowed to make a presentation at our December meeting. Several committees, the Church, and the Historical Society each have relevance to the project; it was felt a conversation should be started. A number of Jaffrey residents attended the HDC board meeting wishing to express their concerns about

this project. Comments ranged from wanting to be more informed to what are the procedural steps that have taken place and when will residents have the opportunity to be heard. Ron Reid explained that since no formal application has been made to the HDC that only a conversation can take place and that Mr. Stephenson would be presenting his plans at an informational meeting in December. It was noted that the Board of Selectmen has been made aware of the proposed project; there has been no application, proposed plan, or approval granted by any of the town departments or committees, including the HDC at this time.

PLANNING BOARD: Rob Deschenes had no news from the Planning Board.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT: No report.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on **Thursday, December 4, 2014** and will be conducted at the Town Offices at 7pm. As always, meetings are open to the public. Minutes are posted on the town website at http://www.townofjaffrey.com/Pages/JaffreyNH_Bcomm/HDC/index

The meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kit Schiele, Secretary

cc: HDC Members, Town Clerk, Board of Selectmen, VIS, FCJ, JHS, Rob Stephenson