



Thursday, 20 November 2014

North Hampton Town Hall

231 Atlantic Avenue

Joint Meeting Little Boar's Head/North Hampton Heritage Commissions

Present:

Paul Cuetara

Donna Etela, Chair

Jim Maggiore

Jane Robie

Cynthia Swank

Alternates: Carolyn Brooks, Jeff Hillier, Nancy Monaghan

Absent: Jane Currivan, Tibbie Field

LBH Heritage Commission members present: Bob Hamilton, Joyce Hamilton, John Latham Knapp, Margaret Schoenberger

Also present: former LBH Building Inspector Rob Southworth; Select Board member Rick Stanton; Town Assessing Agents Scott Marsh and Paul McKenney

1. Call to Order at 9:40 AM; designation of voting Hillier for Currivan

2. **Barn Easement Presentation/Discussion.** Beverly Thomas of the NH Preservation Alliance gave a presentation describing the discretionary barn easement program (RSA79-D) and answered questions. The NHPA provides information on its website, offers programs and workshops, and runs an historic barn assessment grant program.

She noted that the term "historic look" rather than "historic use" should be used as barns and other agricultural buildings are eligible even though they may no longer be used for agricultural purposes.

3. **Demo Review Status - LBH.** Knapp indicated that the proposed ordinance was given to the LBH Planning Board but no vote has been taken. The district's Commissioners sought legal counsel whose preliminary decision is that the ordinance does not go into effect until

a vote at the District Annual Meeting in September 2015. At that time the entire zoning ordinance will be up for approval.

Monaghan thought if Planning Board approval of a zoning ordinance occurs within 120 days of the Town Meeting, the amendment goes into effect as was the case with the Demolition Review ordinance for the Town.

Etela indicated that prior to the ordinance's approval, property owners contacted the Heritage Commission and were very cooperative. Swank will provide LBH Heritage Commission members with the assessor's spreadsheet noting the construction dates of properties.

4. Brainstorming / Discussion. Bob Hamilton distributed a report entitled *North Hampton Fish Houses and Public Land*. He requested a joint meeting in December to go over the report in detail with the goal of presenting the report or a revised report to the Select Board and Conservation Commission. He outlined the report's main sections: encroachment on public land, ownership of land around and underneath the fish houses, and possible solutions satisfactory to the owners, District, and Town.

He and others described the historical research that has been undertaken and answered questions. There was general agreement that deed research for all the buildings will be necessary as well as other historical research. Learning the approach and outcome in Rye would be useful information to add to already known information about Hampton's fish houses. Septic issues were noted. Southworth will review his father's historical materials.

[Brooks left 11:20]

[Monaghan left 11:24]

New Business moved up.

PR/ Citizens Committee. Etela noted the creation of a PR Citizens Committee for the town campus plan and that Bob Hamilton was volunteered as a member. She encouraged other LBH residents to become involved.

Survey Workshop Date. The workshop will be Thursday, January 8th.

Other New Business was postponed until the December meeting.

Treasurer's Report. None. The Commission voted to approve the payment of \$50 for the Commission's membership renewal for the NH Preservation Alliance.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the October 16th meeting were approved as written.

Old Business.

Rails to Trails. No meeting has been held and Scott Bogle of the Rockingham Planning Commission is out until December 1st; Cuetara will contact individuals.

Centennial Hall. Etela had not heard from Peter Michaud of the NH DHR.

Other old business was postponed until the December meeting.

Next Meeting Date & Time. Thursday, December 18.

Adjournment 11:45 AM

Cynthia G. Swank
Recording Secretary