**Local Historic District Study Committee**

**May 13, 2013**

**Members attending:** Jon Bond, Katherine Kardok, Jay McOsker, Gerry Preble, Janet Watson, Kim Zayotti

**Members absent:** Stephen Hull

**Call to Order:** 7:35 p.m.

**Acceptance of Minutes**

A motion was made by Jay and seconded by Janet to approve the minutes from April 8, 2013. Motion passed.

**Summary of Discussions**

New Secretary

 Jay moved to accept Janet’s resignation as secretary and install Katherine as the new secretary. Motion passed. Janet asked Katherine to notify the Selectmen and the Town Clerk of the change. Katherine said that she would ask the town to post our minutes on our new website.

Update on Re-Mailing of Surveys

Jon circulated for review a copy of the post card that will be sent out to the residents of Main and High Streets who *did* respond to the survey. He also circulated for review a copy of the letter that will be sent out to residents who *did not* respond to the original survey. Jon has mailing lists for both categories.

Jay asked how many were being sent out. Jon said that the number is 50+ for people who never responded on Main Street and 57+ for High Street.

Jon will send an email letting us know exactly how many postcards and second surveys went out. He will also send out a PSA to the local newspapers *after* the surveys go out.

Discussion of Research to Date

It was decided that for the meeting on June 10th, 2013, one paragraph of information on surrounding towns would be written by the following members, and this information will be included in our final report to the town:

Katherine – Nantucket, Marshfield, Hanover

Janet – Pembroke

Gerry – Scituate

Jay – Duxbury & Hingham

Discussion of Work Plan/Report

The following items were discussed for inclusion in the final report:

Jay - Resources for homeowners of antique homes. Members can email Jay suggested resources and he will begin to compile a list of these resources. It was discussed that listing specific contractors may lead to town liability. However, the committee felt it would be helpful to let antique homeowners know of resources so this liability question will be researched. Other ideas of resources included tax incentives and state information resources.

Jay – Suggested including highlights of all of our minutes, not the actual minutes. He also suggested that a deadline for completion of the report should be set.

Janet – Agreed to review the minutes and compile highlights.

Janet – Suggested including a section on “what we’ve learned” including both pros and cons of LHDs. She also suggested setting up a meeting for High and Main Streets informing them of these pros and cons.

Kim – Suggested adding a section in the report and also including in the informational meeting, discussion of the use of LHDs as a means of blocking unwanted development in town.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m**.