

ORLEANS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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K. Dany, Asst
ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Friday May 17, 2013

Time: 10 AM

Place: Orleans Town Hall, Skaket Room

Present:

James Hadley, Chair (508) 255-8001
Sarah Bartholomew (508) 255-9087
Richard Besciak (508) 255-3013
Ann Sinclair (508) 255-5371
Bonnie Snow (508) 255-0767
Dorothy Bowmer (508) 255-1748.

Absent:

Dennis Dowd (508) 240-0071

Bryant Besse

1. Minutes of 3/22/2013

Bonnie Snow moved and Dorothy Bowmer seconded a motion to approve the Minutes. MOTION PASSED

2. Preservation Easements

The town meeting warrant moves the responsibility from the CPC to the Orleans Conservation Commission. The CPC hired a person with expertise, Eric Drey of Provincetown, to assist them in reviewing projects. The CPC has a budget, which the OHC does not. Buildings which have received money from the CPC in the past, have preservation easements on them and when they want to make additional changes, interior or exterior, the project will have to be reviewed by the OHC. The Commission can say yes or no. We need to get a list of all buildings with preservation easements on them. The CPC now knows that they need an historic structure report before funding work on any historic building.

3. New makeup of OHC

The town has an application from Bryant Besse to be on the Commission. He has met with the Selectmen but has not been appointed yet. He was born in Orleans and his family has owned many old buildings. He has 30 years experience as a carpenter working on mostly old historic buildings and mostly in Chatham.

4. Main Street Historic District

There was discussion of the proposed historic district on Main Street. It had the research done by Christine Beard, a preservation consultant. Unfortunately, it never came to be because of negative, untruthful information, disseminated about the restrictions historic districts entail.

5. We need a new representative to the CPC.

6. Jim Hadley's files will all be stored at the Historical Society. Dorothy Bowmer will take care of this.

7. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.