Historic District Commission Meeting February 16, 2012

Present: Gretchen Schuler (presiding), Margery Baston, Chris Hagger, Desmond McAuley, Meaghan Winokur

Public Comment – There was none.

Minutes of the WHDC meeting on January 19, 2012 were approved.

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Work will gradually begin on the design review guidelines. There was general agreement that the items to start with might be: doors, fences, shutters, stonewalls, trim and siding.

Gretchen has agreed to review all properties between the North Cemetery and the South Cemetery in town for the Historical Commission. This will take precedence over the Design Review Guidelines, which Gretchen may not begin work on until this summer.

Update on 126/27 Intersection Construction

Sarki, the Town Planner, has all the permits. Gretchen has asked, "Who is in charge?" She also asked if Sarki is the project manager; and she was told that there is no project manager on behalf of the town. This concerns the HDC, especially with much work still to be done in the HD. The next phase is to run March 1 through November.

There will shortly be a flashing light at the intersection of 126/27 in the HD. The lights will flash for 7 to 10 days prior to becoming steady. (This is a state requirement.)

Woody Baston submitted a lengthy e-mail with photos, describing the deteriorating state of the cross walk (from the Wayland Depot to the Grout Heard House) and problems with the pavers and granite in front of the Collins Market building. He urged the town to address these problems and to accept only a professionally constructed, smooth new intersection.

375th Anniversary Planning. There will be a meeting of the 375th Anniversary Planning Committee, with a special emphasis on History, on Wednesday, February 29, at 7 pm in the Town Building. Gretchen will be attending; and other members of the HDC were invited to attend. There was some discussion of items discussed in the past (up-dating and re-printing of the *Tours of Wayland*, edited by Barbara Robinson, etc.) Desmond pointed out that each house in Wayland has a story to tell; and each part of the town has a story to tell. What might mend some bridges and build some bridges would be to go beyond the HD to value the histories of other sections of town.

Next meeting March 15, or March 22. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Margery Baston