

## Historic District Commission Minutes

January 21, 2003

Attending: Barbara Hill, Barbara Myers, Gail Pare, Winnie Welch, Pam Blevins

Absent: Jan Stuart, Laura Coleman

Also attending: Chris Cross

4:05 PM Minutes of HDC meeting November 19, 2002 were read and approved. Various correspondences was noted, reviewed and accepted.

After a review of Chris Cross' plans to enclose a porch on the rear of his house and to add a surrounding deck, the HDC approved his plan since it will not affect the scene scape of the Historic District. The Building Inspector will be notified. Chris then discussed a concept of a small porch roof over the front door to divert the snow and rain from the front steps. Since he had no plans or drawings, the Commission approved the concept, but asked to approve the final drawing as to its fit with the Historic District.

The HDC budget of \$6100 for 2003 was approved by the Newington Budget Committee and will await approval at the March 15 Town Meeting.

Most of the proposed budget asked for \$6000 to begin a conservation program for the town records. A proposal from Brown's River Bindery for 30 volumes including preservation and microfilming each volume totaled \$33,392.00. Thus the repair and preservation will be done some at a time. Suzie Carmichel has the list of the most fragile volumes to begin restoration.

There seems to be progress with the PDA's lease of the Old Town Forest to Newington until the land is turned over to them by the Air Force. Portsmouth has waived the service arrangement and the Newington Conservation Commission has provided funds for forest management in their budget.

Chris Cross expressed concern about hunting in the Town Forest area near his house. The HDC voted to recommend to the Selectmen that the Old Town Forest be posted, as the other town lands are in order to have uniform and consistent restrictions.

The closure of the Old Stone School was discussed. Since there has been no information about the repairs needed to make the building useful to those groups using the building, it was decided to talk to the Selectmen about their plans for its use.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday March 25, 2003

Barbara Hill, Recorder