

Historic District Commission Minutes

February 27, 2001

Attending: Barbara Myers, Gail Pare, Winnie Welch, Pam Blevins, Barbara Hill, Suzie Carmichel, Cos Iocovozzi

Also: Ellen Marlatt, IAC, LLC

Absent: Laura Coleman, Jim Leger

4:00 PM Minutes of January 16, 2001 were approved as read.

Correspondence was discussed, including the RPC notice of a meeting in Newington March 14, 2001 where Peter Loughlin will discuss Simplex vs. Newington law case. A draft of a letter from the Newington Selectmen to the PDA, requesting permission to establish a forest management plan for the Old Town Forest current on Pease. There has been no response from the PDA.

The LCHIP application for the restoration of the stonewalls in the Newington Historic District was filed on February 12. The project is for \$24000 with the Town responsible for \$6000 cash and \$6000 in kind contribution.

In February Gail Pare and Barbara Hill attended a LCHIP meeting in Exeter and a CLG meeting in Concord at the DHR. Both meeting were to outline requirements for submission of proposals. The DHR is beginning a State Register of Historic Places and is encouraging CLG communities to inventory local historic site that would be eligible. There are new inventory forms for documentation, which includes GPS data and GIS mapping.

Barbara Hill received a proposal from David Arnett at Rockingham Planning Commission to do this inventory of 500 structures in Newington. The cost was \$9 190. The commission decided the survey proposal was larger than they could accomplish at this time.

There was a discussion with Ellen Marlatt about archaeological surveys in Newington for the 3rd year. Since the deadlines for the CLG applications have changed to March 12, it was decided to work in a different way. An archaeological survey of old apple orchards in Newington would be done to inventory its agricultural landscape. Gail Pare, Suzie Carmichel and Barbara Hill will draft the proposal along with Ellen Marlatt. There is \$12 000 in the Selectmen's budget for this CLG survey.

Cos spoke about replacing the storm window of the Meetinghouse. The bid is \$900 for each window. The motion to do this was passed. He also mentioned that Barry Kimball would inspect the steeple and inspect the saddle of the bell when a long ladder will be put up by the fire department. There is \$5000 in the Newington CIP for this project.

Cos has asked the HDC to help the Selectmen do long range planning for the historic structures in Newington, especially the upkeep and the usage of the town properties to keep them in good repair and to put them to good use to justify the upkeep expenses.

He also is asking for some assistance in improvement of the land around the Town Garage where the soil cleanup was.

There was a reminder to members whose terms have expired to reapply to the Selectmen after Town Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM

Next meeting on March 27, 2001 at 4PM at the Town Hall

Barbara Hill' Recorder