

Historic District Commission Meeting

March 25, 2003

At Newington Town Hall

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

Absent: Laura Coleman, Suzie Carmichel

4:10 PM. Minutes of February 25, 2003 were approved as corrected. The Newington deed for the Old Stone School is a quit claim deed.

Correspondence was mentioned. There were announcements of up coming conferences and a letter from the NHDOT regarding comments at a March 5 public hearing for the ramp 4 revision.

The warrant articles 13 and 14 were passed at the March 15 Town Meeting. Theses allocated \$10 000 for a study of the needs to renovate the Old Stone School and \$5 000 to study the needs of the Old Town Hall. Barbara Hill and Charlie Smart will begin to contact consultants to make recommendations. Barbara Hill has received a list of preservation consultants from SHPO. The application to The Preservation Alliance for a grant to hire a preservation consultant has not been decided yet.

On March 19, Barbara Hill met with Bill Stewart from Brown River Bindery to select the town records most in need of preservation and repair. The 6 volumes select will be repaired, rebound and microfilmed. The cost was \$5938. The HDC voted to have the volumes rebound in dark brown.

The Newington Master Plan is under revision. The Historic Resources section was passed out to those present to study and make suggestions for the new master plan.

The Old Town Forest is in the 'paper work' process to return the 69 acres to Newington.

Those members of the HDC whose memberships have expired have been notified to renew their appointments.

Jan Stuart mentioned that the information markers in the Historic District were unreadable and needed to be replaced. Suggestions were made that a date plaque could be put on the building and a guided walk information leaflet used to provide the historical information for each site.

There will be a final walk for approval of the Industrial Corridor Road on April 7. The Selectmen wished to have the Historic District Commission's suggestion for naming the road. The preference of the Commission was Shattuck Way, after the World War I shipyard, signifying the early industrial area of Newington.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Next meeting: Tuesday April 22, 2003.

Barbara Hill, Recorder