

Historic District Minutes (corrections)

March 27, 2001

Attending: Gail Pare, Winnie Welch, Pam Blevins, Barbara Hill, Suzie Carmichel, Jack O'Reilly, Selectman

Absent: Barbara Myers

Also attending: Tom Morgan, Town Planner

4:00 PM Minutes of February 27 were approved as read.

Correspondence was discussed and noted. A documenting of the eligibility of the Louis DeRochemont House for the National Register of Historic Places was noted for filing. This document was done by TRC in 1998 as a requirement for the FERC process for the natural gas pipeline.

CLG grant for \$12 000 was submitted on March 15 for a survey or inventory of apple orchards in Newington. This was an historic industry in Newington and it would be worthwhile documenting the types of apples and the location of the orchards.

The application for the LCHIP grant was approved by a vote of the HDC members. This grant for \$24 000 is a 50% match, with LCHIP giving Newington \$12 000, if funded, the Town contributing \$6 000 cash, and the donation of the stones from the walls at Celestica, Aries and Tycom representing a \$6 000 non-cash contribution. The Selectmen voted at their March meeting to support the project.

The Selectmen are seeking additional bids for the storm windows at the Meetinghouse. Cos has not coordinated the inspection of the steeple with Barry Kimball because of the weather. The stability of the rest of the building will be checked.

The painting of the Meetinghouse was discussed because the Church congregation has offered to pay for painting 2 sides of the building. In addition they would provide insurance for the project. The HDC has agreed as long as the standards developed by Jim Garvin are followed as to preparation and the type of paint. In addition since the Old Parsonage is also to be painted, it might be useful to bid both projects for a better price. Although routine maintenance is acceptable within the historic district, it was felt that as custodians of the public buildings in that district, we had a responsibility to follow the advised guidelines from Jim Garvin that we requested last year. The HDC will await more specific information from the Selectmen and the church deacons.

Tom Morgan requested information about the historic district boundaries at Bloody Point. Since this is State property, the boundaries are confusing because of the Spaulding Turnpike expansion. Barbara Hill will research the original lease agreement with the Town and the NHDOT. Last July the Selectmen sought a renewal of the 20-year lease from the NHDOT. Since there has not been any notice of a new agreement, Jack O'Reilly

will pursue this. This information is pertinent because of the planned expansion of the Spaulding Turnpike around Newington.

Tom Morgan introduced the Commission members to the Newington web site and asked about items for the Historic Newington link. Some possibilities for things for the sites such as maps, old photos, genealogical data would be posted. Archaeological sites and old graveyards were too sensitive to be included. It was suggested that photos could be scanned to create a digital archive of photos. It was suggested that perhaps the Newington Historical Society would assist in providing an opportunity for a scanning party.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM

Next Meeting: April 24, 2001

Barbara Hill, Recorder