

Historic District Commission Minutes

April 23, 2002

Attending: Barbara Hill, Barbara Myers, Gail Pare, Winnie Welch, Jan Stuart, Suzie Carmichel

Absent: Laura Coleman, Pam Blevins

4:00 PM Minutes of March 26, 2002 were approved as read.

Jan Stuart swore in as HDC members: Gail Pare, Suzie Carmichel, Barbara Myers, Pam Blevins (in absentia). Winnie Welch has been sworn in. The others need to see Hazel Mazeau to be sworn in and to correct the membership. There are 2 vacancies on the Commission, 1 person for 1 year and 1 person for 2 years. Laura Coleman and Pam Blevins will serve as alternates.

Suzie Carmichel and Barbara Hill attended the Saving Community Landmarks and Landscapes Conference on April 5. Barbara attended the civic break out session and Suzie attended the barn session.

Suzie Carmichel bought a book on barn preservation for the Newington Historical Society. A couple of barn owners have borrowed the book.

Correspondence was reviewed. In particular, the Annual Coastal Watershed Forum will be held in Newington on April 30, 2002.

Barbara Hill discussed a program on celebrating Newington with Steve Adler, Principal of the Newington School. This program will be May 20 to 24 and will have a choice of activities for the students relating to Newington. Suggestions such as adopting an apple tree, visiting the Newington Historic District were among those that the HDC could help with.

Barbara Hill contacted Carolyn Harvey, owner of the former Jackson Hoyt farm, who has some information and artifacts relating to the former apple orchards. She will need to be interviewed to document the history.

Barbara Myer's notes on the Jackson Hoyt's diaries have been copied and the Reeds will type them and put them on the computer.

Barbara Hill sent a memo to the Selectmen regarding the Bloody Point Old Train Depot area. Cos will be contacting Carol Murray, DOT Commissioner, about a meeting to discuss the lease of Bloody Point. DHR wants copies of correspondence and to be kept informed. Jan Stuart will check with Cos about the time and date of the meeting.

The proposal to develop a regional wastewater treatment plant in the area of the General Sullivan Bridge was discussed. Suzie Carmichel will investigate a 1968 PSNH feasibility study.

Building Inspector Charles Smart inspected the Old Train Depot. Barbara Hill read a memo in which he reminded the Commission the town could require the removal of a hazardous building, according to RSA155: B2.

The Newington Selectmen must really settle the situation at Bloody Point.

Gerry Dexter and Lynn from the PDA assured Barbara Hill that the proposed road around the north ramp at the Pease airport would not affect the Newington Old Town Forest. Malcolm McNeil is supposed to keep the communication and the issue going between the PDA and the Newington Selectmen.

The USS Texas flag has been cleaned and will be stored in an archival box. The Selectmen approved the amount of \$56.90 plus shipping for the storage. The flag will remain at the Old Town Hall to be displayed on special occasions.

Jan Stuart reported that the Building Inspector is condemning some of the old barns in town. It was suggested that a photographer take pictures of all the barns in Newington for historical reference.

Adjourn: 5:40 PM

Next meeting: May 21, 2002 at OTH at 4:00 PM

Barbara Hill, Recorder