

Historic District Commission Meeting

Tuesday, July 30, 2002

At Bloody Point

9:00 AM. Attending: Newington HDC: Barbara Hill, Barbara Myers, Gail Pare, Laura Coleman, Winnie Welch, Suzie Carmichel; Newington Planning Board: Chris Cross; Newington Selectman: Jack O'Reilly; Charlie Smart, Building Inspector; Roy Greenleaf, Acting Fire Chief;

NH Department of Transportation: Gil Rogers, Assistant Commissioner, John Hanson, Bill Janelle, Harvey Goodwin, Joyce McKay, Chris Waszczuk.

NH Division of Historic Resources: Linda Wilson, Jim Garvin.

Absent: Pam Blevins

Barbara Hill gave a brief review of the 1972 20 year lease the Town of Newington had with the NH DOT for the recreational use of the state owned Bloody Point property. Since the expiration of the lease in 1992, the property has become an area of concern because of break-ins, vandals, trash and disrepair of the building.

Mr. Rogers offered to draft a lease that would be acceptable to the town and which would enable Newington to continue some stewardship of the area. However, he explained that because of possible mitigation requirements associated with the expansion of the Little Bay Bridges, he could not be certain of the impact of the bridge project on the property.

Mr. Rogers asked the Newington representatives what they wished done with the property. Several suggestions were made that the area is an extension of Hilton Park and could be developed as a pocket park available for fishing, or a bikeway and shoreline path. The Depot needs to be mothballed and protected from vandals. Newington is considering adjacent shoreline for conservation easements, all of which would provide needed open space along the shore.

Because of Newington's lack of status for the property, it is not possible to apply for grants to pursue any plans. Liability and the responsibility for maintenance of the area need to be determined also.

It was thought that Newington and the DOT could form a partnership that would allow Newington to monitor the Bloody Point area and, with the assistance of the DOT, apply for grants to help fund improving and maintaining the area. The DOT mentioned that they must have a project in order to acquire funding for the Bloody Point area. However, several sources of other grants were mentioned as opportunities for Newington and the DOT, as partners, to seek assistance to mothball the Depot, make the shoreline safe and usable and to plan the best recreational use of the Bloody Point area.

10:30 AM Dismissed.

Barbara Hill, Recorder