

Historic District Minutes

September 18, 2001

Attending: Barbara Hill, Pam Blevins, Barbara Myers, Suzie Carmichel, Winnie Welch, Laura Coleman, Jack O'Reilly, Selectman.

4:05 PM Minutes of 4.23.01 were approved as read.

Correspondence: October is Archeology Month so the NHDHR is requesting communities to participate in some manner.

A new law regarding the ability of the town to purchase property without a town wide vote was discussed.

It was voted to renew the HDC's membership with The NH Preservation Alliance to keep informed of the programs and preservation initiatives around the state.

The Memorandum of Agreement for the DeRochemont House with respect to the Industrial Road has been received and will be filed with the DeRochemont House information.

A letter to Carol Murray, NHDOT, from the Selectmen, regarding the Bloody Point Train Station was reviewed. This letter requested that the Train Station, which is the Newington Historic District, be leased to the town to maintain the site. Possible grants for restoration would be pursued.

A letter from the NHDES describing the remediation plan for the Town Garage cleanup was read. The cleanup will monitor soil vapor extraction from the groundwater at wells on the site. A pilot test will be run on October 4. This report will be filed with the Town Garage file.

A letter from the PDA was received explaining the protection of the Old Town Forest, which is located in the Natural Resource Protection Zone on Pease. This issue and discussion with the PDA concerning the status of the Forest will continue. Barbara Hill has contacted the NHDHR about these discussions with the PDA because the NHDHR was one of the signatures for the 1992 MOA with the US Air Force regarding the historic properties on Pease.

Wal-Mart has sent the Town/Historic District Commission a gift of \$500 to be used for the restoration of the stonewalls in the Historic District. There was discussion about receiving funds and where to keep the funds. The Selectmen can receive the funds but there is no capita; reserve fund for the stonewalls. The Selectmen will arrange some publicity for the gift.

The LCHIP grant to restore the stonewalls in the Historic District was not funded because the Board of Directors felt the project was not restoration since stones from other sites were to be used.

The CLG grant for the historic apple orchard survey is still awaiting approval in Concord.

At this time F.A. Gray is painting the outside of the Old Parsonage. The sides were hand scrapped, and then a primer coat and 2 finish coats have been applied.

Curtis Pickering is painting the Meeting House for which the church deacons have provided funds. The bulkhead needs to be replaced.

The offices of the Wildlife Refuge have moved from the Old Town Hall to the Refuge. There was discussion about an appropriate use for the upstairs of the building. Jack O'Reilly will check with the Fire Chief since there is a fire escape.

It was voted to have Gail Pare and Suzie Carmichel represent the HDC on the Open Space Protection Committee.

Several members were interested in attending the Rockingham County Conservation District workshop on open Space on September. Barbara Hill will register those interested.

Next meeting October 22.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15PM

Barbara Hill' Recorder