

Historic District Commission Minutes

September 24, 2002

Attending: Barbara Hill, Barbara Myers, Pam Blevins, Laura Coleman, Gail Pare, Cos Iocovazzi.

Absent: Suzie Carmichel, Winnie Welch

Also: Dorothy Watson

4:10 PM Minutes of August 27, 2002 approved as written.

Correspondence discussed.

Cos mentioned that the Selectmen are going to ask the town what is to be done with the town owned buildings in the future. What is their purpose, their maintenance and their importance to the community.

The return of the Old Town Forest is under discussion by PDA lawyer, Lynn Hinchy and Malcolm Mc Neill. Cos discussed plan for the town budget funds of \$5000 used for the forest management to be under the direction of the Conservation Commission and to be used for the upkeep of recreation areas.

There was a discussion about the Agricultural grant received by John Frink for the restoration of his barn and the possibility that the 35 acres surrounding the farm it would be protected by a conservation easement with the LCHIP grants and conservation funds. The Historic District Commission voted to support the application of the 35 acres of the Frink farm for an LCHIP open space grant.

Continuing the correspondence, Cliff Abbott, Charlie Coleman and Len Thomas have repaired the Pickering cemetery and seeded the lot. Cos discussed the responsibility of the Selectmen for the abandoned graveyards. There will need to be an amount in the town budget for the maintenance of these sites. The warning sign will need to be replaced.

Cos discussed the lack of storage in town for Selectmen's papers, fire department materials school equipment. The carriage house has been cleaned out and could be used by the recreation department for activities. The selectmen are looking for a site that will serve the fire department, the highway department and the selectmen. There was a long discussion about cleaning out and throwing out what is not needed. We are turning our buildings into storage. The selectmen wish to put a storage trailer behind the town garage for storage of equipment until a proper site at the transfer station can be constructed. This is a plan that is in the master plan. If the storage trailer is placed behind the town garage, no trees will be taken down and there will be an effort to clean out the junk around town first. Good uses for the carriage house were mentioned if it were cleaned out and made useable with bathrooms and water. Storage of medical equipment and the fireboat in a

storage trailer were questioned so that perhaps a smaller trailer could be used. There was a vote to table the request for a temporary storage behind the town garage until November and to see what clean up has happened.

5:45 PM adjourned.

Next meeting: October 22, 2002 at the Old Town Hall

Barbara Hill,

Recorder