

Historic District Commission Minutes

November 17, 2011
Old Town Hall

Present: Gail Pare, Chairman; Elaina D'Orto ; John Lamson ; Paul Pelletier
Missing: Rick Stern, BOS
Guest: Steve Green (arrived at 2:00 – 1400)

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm (1300)

Site walk to the far side of the cemetery to view the trees which have been marked for the Pease Project

- Blue tape is assumed to mark the area boundary with red for trimming/ removal
- Both pines and hardwood trees are marked in red
- PDA representatives must discuss the plan with HDC before any work is done on the trees
- Tree work must be completed using best practices for minimal collateral disturbance to the area
- All debris must be removed from the area, Newington will retain all useable timber logs
- Replacement of trees near the cemetery boundary is required to preserve viewscape

Minutes approved – 10-06-11 approved

Old Business:

- Pease and trees
 - The Board of Selectmen discussed the project at their meeting of 11/14/11
 - The tree work is not scheduled to occur until 2012
 - The HDC needs a report on these discussions
- Monuments – Steve Green arrived to make a presentation
 - Steve has extensive work in the area constructing granite monuments
 - Recommends adding two granite stones matching the existing large ones
 - NH granite (possibly VT) provides closest match – exact match not possible
 - May find suitable stones locally – old granite at (Greenland or Shipyard)
 - Milford has quarry to get new stones
 - Stone slabs of 5' x 6' x 2" required
 - Stone will be shaped – similar to existing
 - A smooth surface incised for the lettering space – currently 24 names (branch and rank?)
 - Etched letters require 3/4" font for legibility
 - Work requires two month lead time and warm weather to quarry
 - Cost approximately \$9500 including lettering
 - HDC proposes Newington contact Greenland and the shipyard to request stones
- Budget – revised – Presentation to Selectmen on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 6:30pm (1800)
 - CLG Grant \$12,350 fully funded by the grant – payment in fall of 2012
 - Special Projects \$9,500
 - Operating \$ 500
 - Total: \$10,000 plus fully funded grant \$12,350 = \$22,350
- Fall meetings – Schedule 12/08 at 2:00 (1400)

New Business

No new business at this time

Meeting adjourned 2:55 pm (1455)

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Pare, Acting Secretary