

Historic District Commission
Minutes

April 15, 2014 10:30 am (1030)
Site Walk & Old Town Hall

Present: Gail Pare, Chairman; John Lamson; Paul Pelletier

Missing: Elaina D'Orto; Jan Stuart, BOS

Guest: Paul ???, Education Officer, Parker River Wildlife Refuge; Cindy Gunn; Lee Lamson

10:30 Site Walk at the Margeson Mansion on the Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge

Tour of the structure: inside first and second floors

Grounds

Structure seems basically sound

Recent vandalism to windows opens the interior to the weather

Existing caretaker's cottage contaminated with mold - no viewing permitted

12:00 Reconvene at the Old Town Hall

Approved minutes of 03/26/14 - Add 6 foot width required on historic road at Langdon Library

Correspondence

Letter of approval to apply for CLG Grant for 2014 - 15 received from NHDHR

Grant application Due May 14, 2014

Old Business -

- Library addition
 - Site walk to Library to review trim samples, foundation and parking
 - Trim - sample color approved, two coats required
 - Foundation
 - Expectation of HDC that 8 inches or less will show after landscaping
 - Parking lots
 - Library project will do no more work on the Meeting House lot
 - New Library lot as follows:
 - Handicapped space to be lined again when top coat of asphalt is applied
 - Other spaces - markings to be applied only if necessary after a year of use
 - Outside lights in parking look large
 - Light over door of old library
 - J.Lamson moved (P.Pelletier 2nd) to require that the new light fixture over the door of the historic library be replaced with a smaller scale fixture. HDC prefers to reinstall the "original" fixture. - passed unanimous
- Historic District Sign
 - No progress

New Business

- Historic Curatorship Program
 - C.Gunn gave a brief description of the program
 - Public owner of historic property grants long term lease to person/group
 - Lessee accepts full responsibility for rehabilitation, upkeep, and safety of property
 - Owner may help by applying for grants
 - Owner will inspect for compliance with contract
 - Lease is for a long term at low (or no) rent, just restoration work
 - Examples exist in MA and CT - similar project[s] in Portsmouth
 - HDC will pursue creation of formal process in NH

Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm (1300)

Respectfully submitted

Gail Pare, Acting Secretary