

Town of Kingston, New Hampshire
Historic District Commission
Minutes of Meeting
February 12, 2013 –7:01 PM

APR 23 2013

Present: Virginia Morse, Charlotte Boutin, Stanley Shalett, George Korn (Board of Selectmen), John Flanders, Glenn Coppelman (Planning Board) and Stanley Shalett (voting alternate for Judy)

Absent:

Judy Rubin

Minutes: Minutes from the December 12, 2012. The tape from the meeting did not record properly so Virginia typed a summary of the meeting based on the agenda. Glenn Coppelman made a motion to approve the minutes summary from December 12, 2012. George Korn 2nd the motion. All in Favor. No Opposed votes. No Abstained votes. Motion Carries.
Minutes from January 8th were reviewed. The date was corrected to read January 8, 2013 and not January 8, 2012. Glenn Coppelman made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. John Flanders 2nd the motion. All in Favor. No Opposed votes. No Abstained votes. Motion Carries.

Correspondence: Virginia Morse informed the group of upcoming presentations that might be of interest to the HDC. NH Preservation Alliance is hosting a meeting to present ideas of preservation and renovation of historic buildings on Friday March 22nd at Plymouth State University. She stated that there is funding for members to attend training.

Board Updates: Planning Board/ CIP, Glenn Coppelman- CIP committee completed their tasks and Glenn Greenwood will finalize the packet for presentation to the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and the KMBC. He stated that the Planning Board hosted a presentation from the Division of Historic Resources regarding Heritage Commissions. He added that the information presented was pertinent to the Warrant Article being presented to the town regarding the formation of such a group in Kingston. There was discussion regarding whether or not the HDC is a Certified Community.

Board of Selectmen, George Korn- He stated that he had made the suggestion to the Conservation Commission regarding the formation of the Heritage Commission. He suggested that if the Heritage Commission is formed, that they partner with the HDC and the Conservation Commission to try and consolidate meetings. He noted that is it difficult to find committed, dedicated volunteers as members for each group. He also stated that where there is an overlap in interests between the groups. His suggestion is to try and streamline the process so that volunteers are not dissuaded by the amount of commitment needed by joining multiple Commissions. There was discussion regarding this.

George Korn stated that the ZBA is meeting on the 14th and will be addressing a sign variance regarding the use of computerized signs on Rte 125, south of Hunt R. He added that the ruling on this variance could possibly lead to future variances throughout the town.

Virginia noted the following:

Nichols Task Force and Library are meeting on February 13th.

Voting Day is March 12, 2013.

47 **New Business:**

48 7:20 Application of Landis Rogers: James Hasselbeck from ReVision Energy presenting
49 information regarding the installation of solar panels on a property on Little River Rd. Virginia
50 Morse stated that the members had been asked to visit the property. The house is not visible from
51 the street. North side of the roof is visible by the neighbors but will not have paneling installed.
52 George Korn asked how the paneling would be attached. James stated that it would be applied
53 with a lag bolt, which could be removed and filled similar to a chimney or a vent. James stated
54 that this is a grid-tied system. He then went on to explain how the system works. Virginia stated
55 that although the panels are not "historic", the visual impact is a small trade to be able to make it
56 economically feasible for a homeowner to be able to afford their home. George Korn made a
57 motion to approve the application for solar panels to be installed at the Rogers' property on Little
58 River Road. Charlotte Boutin 2nd the motion. All in Favor. No Opposed votes. No Abstained
59 votes. Motion Carries.

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61 **Old Business**

62 **Seminary Building Update:** Judy Rubin sent an email requesting an audience at the School
63 Board meeting in April. The response that was received was that the April meeting agenda is
64 full.

65 **Misc:** Evelyn Nathan had offered at a previous meeting to take pictures of a walking tour to be
66 compiled as a video to music. Virginia stated that she spoke with her regarding the idea for the
67 video. Evelyn stated that the idea is to compile a video consisting of a compilation of pictures
68 from HD1 and HD2 lasting 5-7 minutes. She stated that it might include a collage of vintage
69 photographs morphed into present, music, subtitles. She stated that \$150.00 would be enough to
70 cover the entire project. Glenn Coppelman asked if the funds would come from the HDC's
71 budget. Virginia replied yes. There was discussion as to which line items the funds would come
72 from. Consultation and training were both suggested. Glenn asked if the product would be in
73 DVD format and if it would become the property of the HDC so that copies could be made.
74 Virginia suggested a letter of agreement to outline the terms as well as a receipt for finance.
75 George Korn made a motion to approve the video project and the funding by the HDC's budget.
76 Glenn Coppelman 2nd the motion. Virginia will write a letter of agreement and present for
77 approval by the HDC at the next meeting. All in Favor. No Opposed votes. No Abstained votes.
78 Motion Carries. George Korn recommended that Virginia contact Cindy Kenerson to obtain a
79 purchase order prior to the beginning of the project. There was discussion regarding the
80 possibility of a future project which would include pictures of buildings in the districts showing
81 their changes throughout history.

82 **Nichols Library Task Force:** They are continuing their work. George and Virginia stated that
83 there is a meeting on February 13th at 7pm at the Library.

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85 **Kingston Chronicles:** Virginia stated that Judy and Charlotte had written and submitted an
86 article about the Remember When gathering. She added that it had not been published yet.
87 Stanley Shalett is working on an article about the 1686 House. He stated that it is not complete at
88 this time. There was discussion regarding the inclusion of pictures with the articles. Charlotte
89 will take pictures of the building.

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91 **New Business**

92 **Board Membership:** Virginia listed the members and their term end dates. Virginia and John

93 have terms ending in 2013. She stated that the terms are 3 year increments.
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95 **Meeting Schedule:** The March HDC meeting is the same day as the election so the HDC
96 members have decided to reschedule the meeting to Thursday, March 14th. Virginia stated that
97 there is a possibility that the meeting location be moved to the Kitchen based on the use of the
98 Town Hall that evening.
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100 **Misc:** There was discussion between Virginia and Charlotte regarding the collection of
101 information for Historical Documentation.
102 There was also discussion regarding the Grist Mill and the Seven to Save Projects. Virginia
103 stated that it does not include funding. There was discussion regarding the Grist Mill and its need
104 for repair.
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106 **A motion was made by John Flanders to adjourn at 8:04 P.M.**

107 **Charlotte Boutin 2nd the motion. All in Favor. No Opposed. Meeting Adjourned.**
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109 *Virginia Morse, chair*