

Town of Kingston, New Hampshire  
Historic District Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
January 14, 2014 – 7:05 PM

**Present:** Virginia Morse (Chair), Charlotte Boutin (Vice Chair), Glenn Coppelman, George Korn (Board of Selectmen) and Stanley Shalett (non-voting) were present.

**Absent:** Stacey Smoyer and Susan Prescott were absent.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the December 10, 2013. Glenn Coppelman made a motion to approve the minutes. George Korn 2nd the motion. All in Favor. No Opposed votes. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence:** Virginia Morse stated that there was no new correspondence. Virginia Morse stated that she has been reading the book by Dale Emily Arnold Whittemore which had been received prior to the last meeting. She stated that the book has been lent to Don Clarke with hopes that he may be able to add to the information that is written about Kingston. Virginia stated that she had received a call regarding a property in Kingston that there may be interest in. Virginia also discussed other properties in the town that have been sold or looked at by prospects.

**Board Updates:**

**CIP (Glenn Coppelman)-** Glenn stated that the CIP Committee has completed the CIP draft and will be taken up by the Planning Board for adoption in February.

**Planning Board (Glenn Coppelman)-** Glenn stated that they are currently holding hearings for Warrant Articles for the upcoming ballot. He noted that there was a hearing held on behalf of the Bed and Breakfast Warrant Article presented by the HDC. There was discussion regarding the hearing having seemed to have gone well. He stated that there are also several property proposals being reviewed at this time. He stated that the one closest in proximity to HDC is on Marshall Rd for a Market Rate, age restricted housing development. He stated that there is currently hydro geologic and lead testing being done on the property and that the results should be available at the continuation of their hearing.

**Board of Selectmen (George Korn)-** George stated that the HDC budget request had been approved by the Kingston Municipal Budget Committee. He stated that the \$15,000.00 L-Chip grant for the Bandstand had been approved, adding that the Board of Selectmen intends to support the 1:1 match funding required. George updated the HDC on the next scheduled meeting for the Library Museum Committee scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup>. He noted his support of the work that has been done by the preservationist. George spoke in support of the Heritage Commission and congratulated them on their achievement of obtaining the L-chip grant. He added that it was organized in a matter of weeks and that it is a positive start resulting from their dedication and hard work. Virginia Morse added that part of the reason for the grant to be possible was due to the work done by Catherine Grant for the Town of Kingston to become a Certified Local Government. Virginia also added that the Heritage Commission is currently working on a Warrant Article regarding the Grace Daley House. There was discussion regarding the process and it was stated that the Planning Board will hold a hearing for it to be reviewed before the Public.

47 **New Business**

48 **Kingston Chronicles-** Virginia stated that she contacted the newspaper requesting that the Don  
49 Clarke be published shortly before they become inundated with articles regarding the Town vote  
50 in March. Virginia stated that Stacey Smoyer has not been well and will work on her article  
51 assignment when she is able. Virginia stated that she is hopeful that the book (previously  
52 discussed) will provide leads on future articles.  
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54 **New Projects-** Evelyn Nathan project: Virginia stated that the project is almost complete.  
55 Virginia stated that Evelyn has been requesting a meeting with an HDC member. Virginia added  
56 that she has been unable to meet with her. Charlotte stated that she could contact Evelyn.  
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58 **School Board-** Virginia stated that she has not seen recent activity regarding the preservation of  
59 the Seminary building. She noted her concern for the absence of discussion regarding any  
60 Warrant Articles. There was discussion regarding the seminary being approved for the Seven to  
61 Save Program. Virginia stated that she would contact Jan from the School Board.  
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63 **Signage-**

64 Bucco's Restaurant- Rick Korn arrived to speak regarding the signage at Bucco's Restaurant.  
65 Rick stated the back-lit sign had been used after the approved sign was initially broken. He stated  
66 that the repair is taking longer than anticipated. In the meantime, the sign is being used with  
67 lighting in front of the sign. Virginia stated that appearance of the sign is appealing but that the  
68 issue was the lighting of the sign. She stated that the HDC had written a letter of  
69 recommendation regarding the sign so long as it is front lit vs. the back-lighting. There was  
70 discussion regarding the need for the broken sign to be repaired or not. Rick stated that the  
71 broken sign contained the phone number where the other does not. There was discussion  
72 regarding whether or not the other sign could be modified with the addition of the phone number.  
73 Rick was advised on the process for having the sign approved by the HDC. Virginia suggested  
74 that a picture be taken of the existing sign and if needed, a sketch could be provided with the  
75 addition of the phone number and that they accompany an HDC Application for Approval. Glenn  
76 Coppelman stated that the application should also address the sign being externally lit vs.  
77 internally. He noted that the sign is still capable of functioning as an internally lit sign but would  
78 not be in compliance if used in that manner. Rick was also advised that either he, as the property  
79 owner, or Rich LeClaire, as the business owner, could submit the application.  
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81 **Thrift Store-** Virginia stated that a conversation regarding the issues addressed at the prior  
82 meeting was begun but not completed. She stated that the business owner was advised that the  
83 signage had not been restricted by the HDC but perhaps the owner of the building. Virginia also  
84 informed her that the term "Thrift Store" was not copyrighted material and therefore could not be  
85 addressed with the other business.  
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87 **A motion was made by Glenn Coppelman to adjourn at 7:38 P.M. Charlotte Boutin 2nd the**  
88 **motion. All in Favor. No Opposed. Meeting Adjourned.**  
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90 *Virginia Morse, chair*