

Town of Kingston, New Hampshire
Historic District Commission
Minutes of Meeting
October 9, 2012 –7:00PM

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Present: Virginia Morse, John Flanders, Charlotte Boutin, George Korn (Board of Selectmen Representative)
Stanley Shalett (acting as voting member) entered the meeting late.

Absent: Glenn Coppelman (Planning Board Representative), Judy Rubin,
** It was not noted when Stanley entered the meeting**

Minutes: Minutes from the September 11, 2012. Virginia Morse reminded the members to speak into the microphones in order for their comments to be recorded. John Flanders made a motion to accept the August Minutes. Virginia Morse 2nd the Motion. All in Favor. No Opposed. Charlotte Boutin, George Korn abstained as they was absent from the meeting. Motion to accept August Minutes carried.

Correspondence: Virginia Morse invited Ernie Landry to speak to the Commission. Ernie asked if there is a procedure for the town to acquire artifacts related to the town. He stated that he had recently attended an auction at Bakie Farm where there were several significant pieces available. Virginia Morse stated that at this time, there is not a procedure in place for acquiring such items. Virginia stated this may be something that could be discussed in conjunction with the HDC's budget requests but she is unsure if it would be in the jurisdiction of the Commission. She added that any member of the town could submit a warrant article and she noted that the Historical Society might be a good partner for a warrant. She noted that the next joint meeting with the Historical Society is Wednesday October 24th at 7:00PM at the Library. Ernie Landry asked George Korn's opinion on how the Board of Selectman might respond to this idea. George stated that he, personally, would be favorable to such an idea but believes it would need to be brought before the Board by an individual or a group with a clear plan. The Commission discussed the type of articles that might be of interest. Virginia noted that Ruth Alberts might be a good person to contact for the Historical Society.

DJ Bakie School has invited the HDC to the dedication of their new outdoor classroom on Sunday November 4th at 2:00PM

The Planning Board contacted the HDC regarding the Capital Improvement Plan, in regards to a goal that had been set by the Commission to get the Historic Districts 1 and 2 into the National Register. It is a goal that has not been addressed in some time by the HDC. Virginia stated that she was unsure as to whether the HDC is in a position to address this goal at this time.

Virginia stated that the annual Seven to Save meeting is coming up on October 16th. She noted that there is a Kingston property on the Seven to Save list.

The Planning Board is currently updating the Natural Resources Chapter of the Master Plan. Virginia stated that the HDC has been involved with updating several of the Chapters in the

47 Master Plan in the past. The first meeting is scheduled for October 17th. Virginia stated that she
48 plans on attending the meeting and invited others to join her.

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50 Virginia brought up the presentation by Liz Beebe at last month's meeting regarding the Church
51 on the Plains. She stated that after speaking with other members, she has come to the conclusion
52 that because the Church is on the National Register of Historic Places that there application be
53 reviewed at a Public Hearing which will take place on November 13th.

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55 Virginia presented a flyer from Gilmanton regarding their campaign for conservation and good
56 stewardship of four key Gilmanton properties that are currently for sale. She stated that it is an
57 invitation for folks to attend and donate to the cause. She used this as an example of a
58 community coming together and supporting conservation efforts.

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60 **Board Updates:**

61 Planning Board, Stanley Shalett: Stanley stated that he was taking the information from the
62 Meeting Minutes from September 18th and 25th He stated that there is a boundary dispute at
63 Gideon Hall between the Children's Center and Gideon's Hall. Stanley stated that Chiropractor
64 Hotz plans to move his practice across the street to another building. There is an ongoing water
65 issue with the Oaks Diamond Golf Course and their construction of condominiums.

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67 Board of Selectmen, George Korn: George added to the information that Stanley provided
68 regarding the boundary dispute between the Children's Center and the Mason's Lodge. He stated
69 that there has been an agreement reached regarding an easement and a right of way which will be
70 recorded with the County Registry of Deeds. George stated that the signage issue that had been
71 brought to the Board of Selectmen's attention last month was addressed at their meeting and a
72 BOS member spoke to several business owners. He stated that most businesses were cooperative
73 but there seems to be some reluctance. George stated that the challenge seems to revolve around
74 the idea of being "grandfathered" and the idea that some businesses are using lit signs while
75 others are expected to not. George stated there is more research that is needed before further
76 steps are taken. George added that the BOS was asked if there had been complaints made by the
77 general public regarding the signs in question. Virginia stated that there was a family from HD1
78 that reported the infraction.

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80 **Signs:** Virginia stated that the Historic District sign on Church Street is in need of repair.
81 Virginia added that Rich St. Hillaire has agreed to attend to the sign pole and replace the sign
82 using one of the available replacements.

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84 **Chronicle Articles:** Virginia reminded the HDC of the last two articles printed and stated that
85 she received many calls regarding them. She noted that this shows that the articles are being read
86 by the community. She stated that she called the Carriage Towne News and requested that an
87 article regarding the Remembering When Gathering be printed on the front page of the paper.
88 She stated that she will write a short blurb about the event and submit it with a request to be
89 printed on the front page.

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91 **New Business:** Virginia reminded the HDC of their repeated attempts to reach out in support of
92 the School District's preservation of the Seminary building. Virginia read a letter from Maggie

Steer regarding her opinion of the matter. The letter stated that there may be legal precedents regarding similar situations involving governing bodies and properties. Virginia stated that the goal of the HDC is to offer support to the School Board without challenging their authority. The HDC discussed possible uses for the building. Virginia stated that she thinks that the next step would be to gather information and presenting the information in person to the School Board. George Korn stated that the next School Board meeting is October 17th at 7:00PM at the Sanborn Regional School. Virginia stated that she would contact the School Board to request to be put on the agenda.

Remember When Gathering: Scheduled for October 21st 2-4PM at the Library. Virginia noted everyone's responsibilities for the event. Virginia stated that she feels the advertisement for the newspaper is especially important this time because several of the regular attendees are not able to attend this date. Virginia stated that the Library does not have audio recording equipment available. Virginia stated that they are working to find a resolution.

Action Plan: Virginia attending the Master Plan meeting on October 17th.
Judy Rubin will be assigned the task of contacting the School Board to be added to their agenda for an upcoming meeting.

Library Task Force meeting is on October 24th.
Remember When Gathering is on October 21st.

Next Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2012, which will be a Public Hearing.

A motion was made by John Flanders to adjourn at 8:06 P.M.

George Korn 2nd the motion. All in Favor. No Opposed. Meeting Adjourned.

Virginia Morse, chair