

Town of Kingston, New Hampshire
Historic District Commission
Minutes of Meeting
February 11, 2014 – 7:06 PM

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

Absent: n/a

Minutes: Minutes from the January 14, 2013. Glenn Coppelman made a motion to approve the minutes. Charlotte Boutin 2nd the motion. All in Favor. No Opposed votes. Stacey Smoyer abstained. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: to be addressed at a later time.

Board Updates:

CIP (Glenn Coppelman)- Glenn stated that the CIP Committee has presented the CIP draft to the Planning Board and it was approved and adopted by the Planning Board. This means that it has become an official document for the town. Virginia asked if there has been positive feedback regarding the CIP document. Glenn stated that it has received positive feedback from the committees that it involves. He added that the process encourages valuable communication and organization throughout the town departments. He also added that the CIP is part of the requirement for the town to have Impact Fees.

Planning Board (Glenn Coppelman)- none.

Board of Selectmen (George Korn)- George stated that the Board of Selectmen were approached by Richard Cote regarding support for the Merrimack Savings Bank project. George stated that the Board of Selectmen felt uncomfortable to give their support of the project at this time but asked that the HDC support him. George stated that the Board of Selectmen was approached by the Heritage Commission to post a sign in front of the Grace Daly House in support of their efforts to save the building. He stated that the Board of Selectmen has decided that it would not be appropriate to allow. Sanborn School District has invited a representative from the Board of Selectmen to sit on a Board regarding the future of the Seminary Building. He added that it was requested that a member of the HDC join as well. Glenn Coppelman added that the Planning Board had been invited as well. There was discussion regarding the selection of a HDC member to join. Virginia stated that there is another project also looking for a volunteer. She explained that she was told by Ernie Landry that in order to complete the Certified Local Government Certification, an inventory of historic resources needs to be completed. There was discussion regarding the selection of volunteers for these projects.

New Business

Deliberative Session- Virginia stated that the information regarding the Grace Daly Warrant Article had been presented at the Deliberative Session. She credited Stacey with the Historic information that was presented. Virginia stated that the Bed and Breakfast Warrant Article did not need to be discussed because it does not involve funding. She stated that the Bandstand

restoration is still being worked on by the Heritage Commission but noted that the funding is connected to the Certified Local Government Certification.

Kingston Chronicles- Virginia stated that the Don Clarke article was published. She stated that Don was pleased and has volunteered future stories as well. There was discussion regarding the Phyllis Crowell information and the creation of the next article. Stacey will forward the information to Virginia for her review.

New HDC Projects-

Charlotte Boutin stated that she has spoken with Evelyn Nathan regarding her project. She stated that Evelyn has not completed the project and that she felt that Evelyn may not be clear on the scope of the project. Virginia stated that there is a letter of agreement outlining the specifications of the work to be done. Charlotte stated that she felt Virginia should call Evelyn to discuss the project. There was discussion regarding photos that may be included. Glenn raised concern for possessions of value to be photographed and published for the public. It was suggested that there be a written release signed by the owner on file in case of liability concerns.

Glenn stated that he would like to see a Letter to the Editor from the Chair of the HDC in support of the Bed and Breakfast Warrant Article. Virginia stated that she would. Glenn Coppelman made a motion to authorize the Chair, Virginia Morse to write a Letter to the Editor in support of the Bed and Breakfast Warrant Article on behalf of the HDC. George Korn 2nd the motion. All in Favor. No Opposed votes. No Abstained votes. Motion Carried.

Signage-

Rik Korn stated that there might be changes at the Bucco's Restaurant property but did not elaborate. The HDC will wait for further information.

Richard Cote- At a previous meeting, Richard Cote had attended and expressed interest in a property within the HDC. Virginia had stated that she would send him historic information regarding the property. Virginia stated that she sent him pictures and information as promised. Richard Cote responded to Virginia stating that he had applied for a loan from the Merrimac Bank and asked for support stating that this is a worthwhile project. Virginia stated that she wrote a letter on behalf of the HDC in support of the restoration of the property. She stated that she was careful of her wording to not commit the HDC to approving any specifics of the project.

Other Business

Virginia stated that she was also contacted regarding another property within the HDC. There was discussion regarding finding financing and other properties in the HDC that have been purchased and restored.

Stacey Smoyer stated that she got much of her information regarding the Grace Daly House from a book called Big House, Little House, Backhouse, Barn. She stated that an application has been sent for Humanities to Go for the author of the book come and give a talk about the book and how it ties in with the Grace Daly House. She stated that they are still waiting for NH Humanities Council to confirm funding but it looks possibly July. There was discussion regarding the support of the book. George noted that if the event takes place, a videographer to tape the event would advantageous. He added that the taped could be then aired on the local

93 access channel for the town. Stacey stated that the event would open to the public. There was
94 discussion regarding other events that have been presented by this group.
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96 George stated that an interview regarding the Grace Daly building might also be a great thing to
97 air on the local access channel to gain support for the Warrant Article. There was discussion
98 regarding the process. There was discussion regarding other avenues to disseminate information.
99 They discussed email blasts, Facebook and social media, local access channel, Tweeting and
100 other avenues.
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102 **A motion was made by Charlotte Boutin to adjourn at 8:04 P.M. Susan Prescott 2nd the**
103 **motion. All in Favor. No Opposed. Meeting Adjourned.**
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105 *Virginia Morse, chair*