

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 9, 2013

APPROVED as amended:
5/14/13 __jrl_____

AGENDA: REVIEW HDC ZONING ORDINANCE
 ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 LGC AND HISTORIC INVENTOR UPDATES

ATTENDING: Clay Dingman (Chairman), Dorcas Gordon, Sandra Heaney

ABSENT: Larry Douglas (Vice Chairman), Selectmen's Representative has not been determined
 As yet.

OTHER: -----

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2013

S. Heaney made a motion, second by C. Dingman, to approve the minutes as read. The motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2013-2014

The nomination was made to keep the same officers: Clay Dingman as Chairman and Larry Douglas as Vice Chairman. The vote was unanimous.

VIEW SHED MAP

Mr. Dingman stated that he contacted the fellow from the Society for the Protection of National Forests about making up a View Shed map for Bristol. However, the funds have been used up but the fellow said that he is retiring and may be able to work with us on it. We have no funds for this either. Mr. Dingman explained that a View Shed map shows areas of Bristol that we might wish to keep for their View so that the Boards can keep that in mind when addressing those properties.

CLG GRANTS

Mr. Dingman has sent a letter of intent to Nadine Peterson, CLG Coordinator on the priority 1 items for us to apply for. Mr. Dingman requested two: to update, revise, and expand the current Historic Resources section of the Town of Bristol's Master Plan and to continue our ongoing effort to survey historic properties in town by adding another 10 properties to the 9 to 10 being done this year: and to place all information in the current online database.

Ms. Heaney stated that she received RFP approval and we will need to choose the properties by April 19th. There are 50 properties on Summer Street that are 50 years old and older. Mr. Dingman said that we need to talk to the consultant. He would like to get more information about the Old Town Hall.

HDC ORDINANCE

Copies of the HDC section of the Zoning Ordinance were distributed. Mr. Dingman pointed out that There are several areas in which “repair” is referred to. In one area, it states that a Certificate of Approval (COA) is required for repairs. In another it stated that no COA is required for maintenance and repair. Ms. Heaney felt that we might use similar language as that in the Lake District where repairs mean replacement that make no difference. Mr. Dingman thought it might be separated as repair versus work. Ms. Gordon felt that we might want to be careful of losing control. A discussion followed.

Mr. Dingman mentioned that we might want to think about what to do about buildings that have been neglected; perhaps a Demolition of Neglect statute. Ms. Heaney felt that we might want a lawyer’s interpretation. Mr. Dingman will ask the N. H. Division of Historic Resources. He added that we might want something about repair and maintenance in our Design Guidelines. Ms. Gordon read RSA 676:17 for the State’s regulation. The secretary added that this RSA is referred to under our Article VI, 6.2.

CORRESPONDENCE: -----

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Folks have until noon on April 19th to apply for this hearing date.

With no other business before the Commission, D. Gordon made a motion, second by S. Heaney, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Laferriere, recording secretary