

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 9, 2015

APPROVED as amended & clarified:
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AGENDA: WORKSHOP: MASTER PLAN – HISTORIC RESOURCES CHAPTER

ATTEND: Clay Dingman (Chairman), Sandra Heaney (Vice Chair), Betsy Schneider
 (Sel. Rep.)

ABSENT: Dorcas Gordon (conflict), Larry Douglas

OTHER: -----

The meeting opened at 7:04 pm.

MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2015: The following amendments and clarifications were made =
Page 1, under DISCUSS RSA 79-E, 1st paragraph, 2nd line, replace “that” with “what”. 2nd
paragraph, 3rd line, replace “Registry” with “Register”. Page 2, 2nd paragraph, 5th line, replace
“registry” with “register”. Under May 20th MEETING, 2nd paragraph, 2nd line, insert “town
opinion” before “survey”. MASTER PLAN RESOURCE SECTION, change to read “MASTER
PLAN HISTORIC RESOURCES SECTION:” and 3rd line, replace “Concord” with “NH
Division of” and delete “Assoc.”. Page 3, OLD TOWN HALL NATURAL RESOURCES,
CHANGE TO READ “OLD TOWN HALL NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC
PLACES”. 2ND line, replace “Registry” with “Register”. 3rd line, replace “Registry” with
“Register”, “She” with “Lucille Keegan”, and “with the painting of it” with “for restoration
projects”. Under ENFORCEMENT IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT, second paragraph, 1st line,
insert “town wide” before “temporary” and second line, change “limit of 30 days just” to read
“for a sign 30 days 3 times...”

S. Heaney made a motion, second by E. Schneider, to approve the minutes as amended. The
motion carried.

MASTER PLAN – HISTORIC RESOURCES CHAPTER:

Ms. Heaney asked if we are to update this to today. Mr. Dingman stated that, in effect, until it is
completed and then it goes to the Planning Board to be accepted and then they take it to a public
hearing. Mr. Dingman hopes that our draft will be done by the end of the year.

Ms. Heaney felt that LRPC has done a good job on this but asked about the Inventory. Mr.
Dingman answered that the State wanted nothing to do with the Inventory; the survey forms
were omitted on purpose. Besides, all have to be done on the State forms.

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HISTORIC RESOURCES CHAPTER continued:

The Commission looked at page 12 of the Draft where 29 properties are listed. It was noted that these are from the original Master Plan. Ms. Schneider asked if there should be more and Ms. Heaney answered that we have done more along Summer St. She asked if we want them included. Mr. Dingman felt that we do. He added that the Master Plan guides the Planning Board. Ms. Schneider asked how this works and Mr. Dingman stated that the Master Plan recommends and lays out goals. He added that the State made a lot of changes to our first Draft and Mike Izard (LRPC) worked to revise it with the money that we had. Mr. Dingman felt that, now, we have to include what we want.

Ms. Heaney stated that she would like to see all of the inventoried properties included and the, as a potential for later, those buildings 50 years or older. Mr. Dingman would like Mr. Izard to list these along with some data for the property files. A discussion followed on the possibility of getting these on-line.

Ms. Schneider mentioned that, at the Old Town Hall meeting, someone suggested that the schools should teach Bristol history. Ms. Heaney stated that Lucille Keegan (Historic Society) took some 4th graders on a tour of some of the buildings. The Commission would like to see some of the older classes learning of our history.

Ms. Heaney stated that we need to protect our resources with more information (on how we should use what we have) and more inventory. We also should grow the Historic District. Mr. Dingman explained that the HDC reviews anything having to do with historic issues and he noted the Save Routes to School sidewalk project, the Northern Pass project, etc. Mr. Dingman also suggested that we look at historic viewsapes.

Ms. Heaney noted that the draft suggests forming a Heritage Commission. She does not feel that this should be done as we have enough trouble trying to find folks to serve on our Boards. Folks do not have the time and neither does the present HDC. Mr. Dingman stated that maybe we can get help from Plymouth State College. In the meantime, we need to rack our brains as to how to get more civic interest. He noted that there is a difference between the HDC (a Land Use function) and the Historic Society (more of a museum entity).

Ms. Heaney announced that the Old Fire Station is on the State Register as of April 2015. She noted that it is not on-line yet and she added that the Old Town Hall is in review to go to the Federal Register.

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OLD TOWN HALL MEETING:

The Commission discussed the Old Town Hall meeting, noting that mostly folks wanting to keep it were in attendance. From the meeting, a Friends of Old Town Hall has been formed. It is hoped that those volunteering will be up to getting things done and not just discussed. Ms. Heaney stated that we have \$15 grand given us via the LCHIP grant (the town portion was met by the \$82,000 we voted). Our only obligation to them is to let them know what we want to do with the money before we spend it. Ms. Heaney would like to see a kitchen put in and the interior painted, along with having the floor re-done.

Mr. Dingman asked if we would like to have Mr. Izard come to our next meeting. It was discussed and felt that we should make our recommendations and have him meet with us in September. Mr. Dingman again mentioned that information on properties placed on-line would be a useful tool for the people.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

With no other business before the Commission, S. Heaney made a motion, second by E. Schneider, to adjourn at 7:51p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Laferriere, recording secretary