

HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
TOWN OF CAMDEN
Minutes of Meeting, June 8, 2010

Present: Alternate: Sonia Spalding
Volunteers: Sally Enggass, Barbara Furman, Rosalee Glass, Kit Parker, Susan Snead, Ann Sziklas
Select Board Liaison: Debbie Dodge

There was no quorum, but the meeting commenced at 4:15 p.m.

Secretary's Report

The Minutes of the April 13, 2010 meeting could not be approved due to the absence of six of the seven voting members.

Town Manager's Report

No report.

Village Green

Sally had recently inspected the Village Green and related her own observations. Because of the mild winter, the viburnum was doing very well. The cedar apple rust had "not gone away and never will," although not every juniper has yet been infected. Sally believes the only solution to the rust is to remove each infected plant when it becomes too brown. The lilac partially hidden by the Honor Roll bloomed a bit this year, although Sally thinks it should be moved to a more sunny location. One rhododendron has died and will be replaced. Meredith Scheck, Garden Club member in charge of the Village Green, has declared Monday, June 14th, for volunteers to participate in spring clean-up of the Green.

Archives

Rosalee reported that, as requested, the archival town documents had been moved from the HRC filing cabinets and into file drawers made available in the Walsh History Center or onto shelves in their locked closet. Rosalee and her committee duly marked the new locations on the catalog cards. Rosalee wondered what the town had done with the old filing cabinets, which had been bought by the HRC with town money.

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the Fletcher Steele model of the Amphitheater. Relegated to a high shelf in the History Center's closet, it is in sad shape and in need of attention. Someone suggested that Earle Shettleworth might inspect it to determine if it is worth restoring and protecting with a plexiglass cover. Another suggestion was to divert money in the HRC budget not spent on digitizing the archival town documents to restoring the model. It was agreed that it truly was an historic artifact, showing the original plan of the Amphitheater, and would be appropriate to have on display when and if the Amphitheater achieves Landmark status.

Harbor Park and Amphitheater

No report.

Camden Library & Walsh History Center

No report.

Historic Landscapes Tour

A tour of the Amphitheater by the High School Botany Class was supposed to take place in May, but no one present was aware that it did.

New Business

1. Ann Sziklas volunteered to ask the Town Manager which key to which HRC cabinet needed to be located.
2. Discussion of Membership: Sonia Spalding has applied for another year as an Alternate. Ken Foster's and Mark DeMichele's terms expire this year. Elinor Klivans' term runs until 2011. Beedy Parker's term runs until 2012 and the vacant membership runs until 2012.
Therefore three full memberships and one alternate membership need to be filled. Those interested should apply at the Town Office before July 1, 2010 in order to be approved by the Select Board at its July meeting.
3. Available money and spending timeline were not discussed at this meeting.
4. Barbara Furman agreed to deliver her demolition records and information to Code Officer Jeff Nims for the Planning Board's study.
5. Debbie Dodge suggested that HRC Chairman Foster invite Jeff Nims or Richard Householder to our next meeting to explain a new Zoning Board proposal regarding building design review.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Sziklas

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE HRC WILL TAKE PLACE JULY 13, 2010