

**HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
TOWN OF CAMDEN
Minutes of Meeting, July 13, 2010**

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Present: Members: Mark DeMichele, Beedy Parker; Volunteers: Ken Foster, Kit Parker, Ann Sziklas; Select Board Liaison: Deb Dodge

Once again there was no quorum, but the meeting commenced at 4:05 p.m.

Secretary's Report

The Minutes of the meeting held June 8, 2010 could not be approved because only two voting members were present. It was noted that the meetings of both April 13, 2010 and June 8, 2010 should be approved at the next meeting when the committee has a quorum..... There was no meeting in May.

Deb Dodge reported that the Select Board had approved the recent applications for membership. There are now four full members with one vacancy: Mark DeMichele until 2013, Elinor Klivans – 2011, Beedy Parker – 2012, Sonia Spalding – 2013. Abby Fitzgerald fills one Alternate position, the other is still vacant.

Kit Parker was urged to join as a full member and become Chair of the committee once we have a quorum to vote her in. She filled out the proper form on the spot and Deb Dodge will present it at the Select Board meeting for approval on July 20, 2010.

There was some discussion about not meeting in August. Deb Dodge suggested that the committee meet only quarterly and the Chair could call a special meeting whenever necessary. This was met with general approval by those present, but must be voted on at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Owned Historic Properties No report.

Village Green No report.

Archives

Rosalee, Susan and Ann have been updating the database, a record of all the documents regarding Town-owned historic properties in the Archives. Rosalee had started the database several years ago. Once completed, this listing will identify all the Town-owned documents catalogued and now stored in the Walsh History Center at the Camden Public Library.

Harbor Park and Amphitheater No report.

Camden Library and Walsh History Center

Mark was enthusiastic about pursuing the idea of restoring the Fletcher Steele model of the Amphitheater. Everyone agreed that once it was made presentable it should be on display at the library. Once again, the consensus was that Earle Shettleworth should evaluate the feasibility of its restoration.

Recently, while still Chair, Ken Foster was asked by the Town Manager to

approve a bill from the History Center for digitizing some Town documents, so apparently that work has been started.

Historic Landscapes Tour

Beedy reported that “it happened” in May, but that the program is virtually “out of her hands” and run by the high school Botany teacher, Margo Murphy, and Dave Jackson. Ann Sziklas noted that Ann Montgomery started the project in the first place and Beedy took it over. Both should be congratulated.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Ann reported that Rosalee may still have a key to one of the file cabinets formerly housed in the Archives room. Deb Dodge said it should be tagged and taken to the Town Office.
2. Discussion of Membership – see above.
3. Before he retires, Beedy would like her files on demolition returned from Jeff Nims. Mark reported that the Downtown Planning Group had met with Maine DOT regarding the Footbridge proposal, but he did not know the outcome of that meeting. He suspects the proposal “is not dead, but asleep....”

There ensued a lengthy and convoluted discussion about the Zoning Board’s building design review and standards for renovation in the downtown building district. It is hoped, but not definite that the proposal will be on the November ballot. Deb Dodge said there will be a Public Hearing about it on either August 4th or 18th. She will let the committee members know which date. Mark will invite Richard Householder to describe the proposal in detail at the next meeting of the HRC, whether on August 10th or September 14th.

The meeting ended at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann B. Sziklas

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON EITHER AUGUST 10, 2010 OR SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 AT THE WASHINGTON STREET CONFERENCE ROOM STAY TUNED