

**Historic Resources Committee  
Town of Camden  
Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, February 14, 2012**

Present: Chair Kit Parker; Members Mark DeMichelle, Abby Fitzgerald, Judy McGuirk, Beedy Parker; Alternate Susan Snead; Volunteers Rosalee Glass, Ann Sziklas; Garden Club Liaison Kris Mikkelsen; Select Board Liaison Don White; Camden Library Parks Director Dave Jackson; Town Manager Patricia Finnigan

Kit Parker called the meeting to order at 4:00.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the Jan. 10 meeting were approved with no corrections or additions.

**Chair's Report:**

Kit reported that the first public meeting to address the Camden Downtown Master Plan was held January 26. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14 at 6:30 at the Waterfalls Event Center, Knox Mill Complex. Those who attended the meeting reported a good turnout. Information and minutes of the meeting can be found on the Town of Camden website - [www.camdenmaine.gov](http://www.camdenmaine.gov). Topics addressed included the Town's economic situation, lighting, the feasibility of having a movie theater. Parking and signage were a focus. A river walk will be included in the plan.

Kit passed around a notice of the Maine Downtown Conference to be held in Farmington May 18.

**Committee Reports**

**Village Green**

Judy has talked with Pat Finnigan about repairing the pavers on the Village Green. They are presently covered with ice and sand will be put down.

**Archives**

Kit has talked with Niki Maounis at the library. She suggested that the budget request of \$600 granted last year be requested again for this coming fiscal year and that this may be enough for Heather to complete digitizing the Town Archives.

**Harbor Park and Amphitheatre**

Dave Jackson reported that Cindy Brockway has delivered the revised application for the designation of the Amphitheatre as a National Historic Landmark. This application will go to the National Park Service in Washington and then go out for peer review. Dave is optimistic that the nomination will be on the fall agenda and that the Amphitheatre will be awarded this National Historic Landmark designation. This designation would ensure perpetual preservation of the Amphitheatre and it would open doors for grants. It would also provide a very good opportunity for an educational program or event.

Dave reported that the Winterfest was a success and food sales were up. Treacherous conditions due to ice have caused liability concerns.

## **Old Business**

### **QR Code Update**

Kit reported that the QR codes website is up and running. Peter Palermo has been testing the square codes and some will be installed by April. The Chamber of Commerce will pay for making and installing the plaques. Merchants have expressed interest. There was discussion about how best to display the plaques and how best to attach them to the outside of buildings. Dave proposed that this project be included in the Camden Downtown Master Plan.

### **Walking Tours**

There have been no winter walking tours and no demand without the seasonal cruise ship visits. Dave has expanded his tours beyond the Amphitheatre and Harbor Park. Kit suggested a booklet with historical information be compiled for tour guides and possibly for sale. She has contacted the high school to see if any students would be interested in becoming guides in the summer.

Dave feels trained professional would be more effective. He also noted that the Camden Downtown Business Group is interested in including walking tours as a special project.

## **New Business**

### **Goals**

The Select Board has defined its goals. Mark suggested that we each bring a copy of Article XIII of the Zoning Ordinance (which establishes our committee) to the March meeting as a basis for determining our goals.

### **Comprehensive Plan**

Our HRC will be given the opportunity to review the section of the Comprehensive

Plan pertaining to our committee. Anyone from our committee who would like to participate in the process of drafting the Comprehensive Plan can apply at the Town Office to be on the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

### **Budget Request**

After discussion, Susan made the following motion:

**The Historic Resources Committee will request \$600 from the 2012-2013 Town Budget to continue digitizing archival material in the Walsh History Center of the Camden Public Library.**

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25.

The next meeting will take place March 13 at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted.

Susan Snead