

**Camden Historic Resources Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday March 11, 2014, Washington Street Conference Room**

**Members present:** Elinor Klivans, Beedy Parker, Pat Skaling  
**Alternates Present:** Kris Mikkelson, Susan Neves, Susan Snead  
**Volunteer:** Rosemary Glass  
**Guest:** Betsy Perry  
**Select Board Liaison:** Don White

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Susan Snead acting as Chair on behalf of Meg Barclay who was out of town.

**Secretary's Report/Review of Minutes:** Minutes of February 11, 2014 accepted with no corrections.

**Select Board Liaison Report:** Don White said that at the Select Board's March meeting Meg gave a wonderful report on the past and future projects of the HRC. The Board had a lively discussion of the Village Green Policy. The Select Board feels the wording of the policy is fine, but there is not agreement on whether decision-making for usage should be made by the Select Board or the Town Manager. The policy will be discussed again at the Board's April meeting.

**HRC GOALS/OLD BUSINESS**

**Stewardship**

**Archives:** Rosalee Glass said the Megunticook Golf Club has donated its archives to the History Center at the Camden Library.

**Harbor Park and Amphitheatre:** No report

**Opera House:** No report

**Annual Letter:** There was no discussion of the letter sent in January to stewards of Town historic properties.

**Education/Recognition**

**Curtis Light House Museum:** Deedee Conover feels reticent about a large opening ceremony to attract the public. The opening of the museum in June needs to be handled with sensitivity. One possibility would be to have just the Select Board go out to officially open it.

**Display of Historic Materials at the Town Office:** No news

**Megunticook River Walk History Project:** No news. Later in the meeting Pat Skaling suggested that the Megunticook River could be considered an historic waterway, because there is likely to be early settlements around it, for example Native American ones. HRC thought the topic should be revisited.

Camden Hills State Park, including WW1 Memorial, CCC works

Other Historic Properties: Report on responses to RFP : Susan Snead referred to Meg's report that Meg contacted 8 Maine-based architectural historians to see who might be interested in working on the project and the approximate cost. She received four positive replies that indicated that the project can be done for under \$6,000, perhaps less. It was not possible to compare apples to apples from the way responses were presented. The responses raise questions about the scope of work the HRC should pursue. HRC could discuss this at the April meeting after our request is presented at the Budget Meeting.

## **Policy**

Comprehensive Plan & Historic Preservation Ordinance: Susan reported that Meg met on February 24 with CEDAC regarding working with them on Article XIII of the Zoning Ordinance. CEDAC was positive about the idea and especially interested in Mike Skaling's Change Management mini-seminar. CEDAC voted to recommend the HRC proceed with the concept of working with an economic development arm of the Town by working with the Downtown Network Board, which meets the second Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in the Tucker Room of the Opera House.

Susan reported that our meeting with the Downtown Network Board is postponed until the next Network Board meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> to make it possible for Meg to attend instead of HRC volunteers and present our idea of collaboration with the Network Board to create a stake-holder-involving process.

Mountain View Cemetery Assoc.: No report

**Budget:** Pat Skaling and Susan Snead will present our request for \$3,000 for our portion of the 2014-2015 Town Budget at the Budget Committee Meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

HRC Annual Report Review: "light house" steward corrected to "lighthouse". Correction sent by Pat Skaling to Meg. Report is fine.

New Member Orientation: Pat Skaling said it was helpful to receive an orientation packet when she became a new member and suggested it could be updated. HRC agreed. Susan will follow up with Meg to see how she wants to handle it.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, April 15, 4:00 p.m., Washington St. Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Neves