

**Camden Historic Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

Members Present: Elinor Klivans; Beedy Parker; Mark DeMichele; Judy McGuirk; Abby Fitzgerald
Alternate member: Susan Snead
Volunteer: Ann Sziklas
Select Board liaison: Don SWhite

The meeting was called to order by Susan (acting chair) at 4:00 PM

The minutes from the February 14 2012 meeting were corrected and approved.

Chair's Report:

- Susan reported that Kit Parker has asked to leave the CHRC due to health concerns. The CHRC members present briefly discussed how the duties of the chair will be handled moving forward. No conclusion was reached so we decided that one of the members would lead the next meeting.

- Susan reported that Meg Barclay was willing to re-join CHRC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Village Green:

- Judy reported on the heaving condition of the pavers and provided information on how this condition may be corrected. Judy will visit with Parks & Rec. to discuss correcting the pavers using hand tools and nom heavy equipment.

Archives:

- Anne reported that Randy Whitney, the new Commodore of the Yacht club wished to set up the Club's archives there.

Harbor Park and Amphitheater:

- Beedy will look into the possibility of resuming the Amphitheater tours.
- Rosalee suggested that once National landmark status is achieved CHRC should, in some way, celebrate this honor and use the event as an educational opportunity.

OLD BUSINESS

QR Code updates:

- Mark will visit with Dan Bookham to get an update on the progress of this effort.

Walking Tours:

- Rosalee will discuss participation with "Rig" students.
- Beedy suggested the students could develop their own tour.

Downtown Master Plan:

- Susan and Rosalee met with Brian Hodges to explain the history of the Village Green and its intended uses.
- Don White said there was a good community response to the online survey.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Report:

- CHRC Annual Report was corrected and approved as corrected.

CHRC Goals:

- A review of Article XIII of the Camden Zoning Ordinance, which describes the duties of CHRC, was reviewed. A discussion followed:
 - Beedy would like to focus more on the Cemetery, in particular the trees. It was suggested that she visit with the Cemetery Committee.
 - As a means of outreach, Rosalee suggested that we ask the Cemetery Committee if they had a need to archive any documents.
 - Don mentioned that CHRC could be involved with historic Records of the Town owned historic properties.
- Several goals were reached by the committee:
 1. CHRC should participate in and contribute to the Camden Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Master Plan processes as they evolve.
 2. CHRC should develop educational programs that will promote and recognize historic properties and districts in the Town of Camden.
 3. CHRC should regularly reach out to the stewards of Town owned historic properties by drafting a letter offering our support.
 4. CHRC will maintain a readiness to assist and support those who wish to access CHRC historic documents.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 P.M.

The next meeting of the CHRC will be held April 10, 2012 at the WSCR.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark DeMichele