

**Camden Historic Resources Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 10, 2014; Washington Street Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Meg Barclay, Chair; Elinor Klivans, Judy McGuirk, Beedy Parker,  
Pat Skaling

**Alternates Present:** Susan Snead

**Volunteers:** Rosalee Glass

**Guests:** Lyn Snider

**Select Board Liaison:** Don White

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Meg Barclay.

**Secretary's Report/Review of Minutes:**

Minutes of May 13, 2014, were accepted with the following corrections:

Under "Village Green" section, "possibility" was changed to "possibly".

Under the "Megunticook River Walk History Project" section, "Beach Hill" was changed to "Beech Hill".

Under "Curtis Light Exhibit" section, "opened" was changed to "open".

**Chair's Report:** Deb Dodge has related to Meg that JoAnne Ball is interested in the issue of streetscapes, specifically in municipal projects that affect residential streets. She is interested in the setting of standards for the work to be done on streetscapes particularly in the Historic Districts. One question that the Committee wondered was whether standards set by towns are enforceable for projects that are State projects. This would need to be researched.

**Select Board Liaison's Report:** Don White reported that the Town Meeting would be tomorrow, June 11, at 7 p.m. Don stated that he plans to contact Elizabeth Moran to urge her to approach the Town sooner rather than later concerning the Village Green issues that she brought before our Committee last month. To date, Elizabeth has not yet talked to the Town office and the Christmas tree remains on the Green. As a courtesy, Don will inform Stormy Bok about the anticipated changes, particularly the plan to remove the tree, as the tree was originally a gift in memory of her husband.

**HRC GOALS/OLD BUSINESS**

**Stewardship**

Archives: no report

Village Green: Decision on acceptance of the new Village Green policy and process will likely be made by the Select Board sometime in July.

The missing chain for the Village Green has been found and is now back in place on the Green.

The HRC is waiting to hear from the Camden Garden Club concerning progress in their plans for changes in the Village Green plantings and walkway as discussed with Elizabeth Moran last month.

Lyn Snider, representing the Garden Club, mentioned that the benches on the Village Green need repair and paint. She also mentioned that smoking is a problem on the Green, and she feels the "Smoke-free zone" sign is too small. Don White suggested she contact the town manager. Discussion ideas included the suggestion that it's not unreasonable for any of us to kindly remind people that it is a non-smoking area and to be aware that persons disembarking from busses near the Green may be totally unaware of the restriction.

Harbor Park and Amphitheatre: The May 9, 2014 , report from Dave Jackson was included with the Minutes for May, 2014. From mid-July to mid-August the Camden Public Library will host a National exhibit on Abraham Lincoln. Also in August an historic encampment of the 20th Maine Regiment will be enacted in the Amphitheatre.

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## Education/Recognition

**Curtis Light Museum:** The date for the visit of the Select Board to Curtis Island has yet to be determined.

**Megunticook River Walk History Project:** The Planning Board makes a distinction for municipal signs between *directional* and *informational*. Our signs would be informational. The Sign Ordinance Committee would like the Historic Resources Committee to meet with them in the fall and bring samples of what we are proposing for River Walk signs and our ideas for "gateway to historic districts" signs. Elinor Klivans volunteered to research some ideas for signs, looking at examples from other towns and other resources. Some types to look for are: *Welcome to ...* signs and pedestrian information signs. Anyone on the HR Committee should send ideas/images to Elinor.

**Expanding Historic Districts Downtown:** Meg reported that Ann Morris is interested to meet in order to determine which buildings the Committee is interested in researching. Discussion followed concerning the direction the Committee thinks we should expand into. Are we just looking at BayView or also outer Elm Street? Susan Snead believes that Elm Street has been previously surveyed. Meg Barclay thought we should focus on the Master Plan, but invite Elm and Union Streets to think about future eligibility--perhaps invite Jacobs Avenue and lower Pearl Street. Susan Snead will contact some property owners on Jacobs Avenue to see if there might be any interest in becoming an historic district.

**Other Historic Properties:** Concerning historic public trees, Meg reported that the Conservation Commission has money in a reserve fund and will spend \$500 for new trees for Pearl Street. Concern was expressed for the trees at Mountain View Cemetery which are dying.

The First Street Baptist Church needs funding to repair structural problems with the steeple. They are meeting Thursday, June 18, to discuss. Someone from HRC should attend since it houses the town's historic clock.

**New Member Orientation:** Sub-committee is still working on the revisions to the New Member Orientation Handbook.

## **Policy**

**Historic Preservation Ordinance:** Discussion ensued concerning the tabling of a Historic Preservation Ordinance. Meg explained that expanding the Historic District and the writing of an ordinance are two different things. She feels we should focus our efforts on expanding the districts. This could be our first step in setting standards.

**Other Camden Committees Policy/HRC Overlap Review:** No new activity.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, July 8, 4:00 p.m. at Washington St. Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Skaling