

**Historic Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, June 12, 2012**

Present: Acting Chair: Susan Sneed; Members: Meg Barclay, Mark DeMichele, Judy McGuirk, Beedy Parker; Alternate Member: Abby Fitzgerald; Garden Club Representative: Kris Mikkelsen; Select Board Liaison: Don White; Camden Library Parks Director: Dave Jackson; Visitor: Kit Parker

The meeting was called to order by Susan Sneed at 4:06 p.m.

1. **Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the May 8, 2012 meeting were corrected (change McGuire to McGuirk) and approved.
2. **Chair's Report:** A motion was made by Susan to thank Kit Parker for her outstanding work for the CHRC and her contribution to the town. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Susan initiated a discussion regarding storing the box of committee information that usually resides with the CHRC Chairman.

Plan A: The Archives Committee will review the contents of the box and make recommendations. The committee will look into the possibility of storing the contents in the History Center.

Plan B: Talk to the Town Manager about the possibility of storing the box in the Town Office.

3. **Town Manager's Report:** no report

Don White delivered the Proclamation given to CHRC by the Select Board on May 15, 2012.

An excerpt from Minutes of the Select Board Meeting May 15, 2012:

- **Proclamation: National Historic Preservation Month** Martin Cates noted that May is celebrated around the country as National Historic Preservation Month to make citizens more aware of the historic places in their towns and cities.
- *James Heard made a motion to proclaim May as Historic Preservation Month and to give this Proclamation to Camden's Historic Resources Committee with our thanks for all their work. The motion was seconded by Donald White. It was unanimously approved.*

Committee Reports:

- **Village Green** – Kris Mikkelsen reported that the Camden Garden Club has scheduled a workday, on June 18th, to weed, prune, edge and mulch the beds. It has come to the

Garden Club's attention that someone unknown pruned the yews in front of the Honor Roll and trimmed the hemlock trees behind the wall.

- **Archives** – no report
- **Harbor Park & Amphitheatre** – Dave Jackson reported that Linda McClellan advised him that Camden's application for the Amphitheatre to become a National Historic Landmark is expected to be on the National Park Service's November agenda for consideration.

Dave reported that the old elm tree, struck by lightning in the spring of 2011, has died. He plans to replace it with a 'Valley Forge' Elm, a variety most resistant to Dutch elm disease.

Current Business:

- **Downtown Master Plan update** – Nothing new
- **QR Codes** – Dave Jackson reported that the first QR Codes (decals and plastic tiles) should be up in the next ten days.
- **Walking Tours** – Dave reported that "Camden Walking Tours" will be held Friday's at 4p.m., June 29th – August 31st. The tours will last approximately 1 hour and be free of charge. Donations will be appreciated. Currently, Dave is the only tour guide.
- **Goals** – Discussion of goals was moved to the July 10th agenda. Susan will email a copy of previous goals to all committee participants.

New Business:

- **Member terms** – Everyone was reminded and encouraged to consider reappointment.

Board memberships due to expire on June 30, 2012:

Beedy Parker – RM

Judith McGuirk – RM

Abigail Fitzgerald – ALT

Susan Snead – ALT

Vacancy - ALT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM. The next meeting will be on July 10, 2012 at 4p.m. in the Washington St. Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy McGuirk