

**Historic Resources Committee
Town of Camden
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2013**

Members Present: Meg Barclay (Chair), Judy McGuirk, Beedy Parker,
Pat Skaling

Alternates Present: Kris Mikkelsen, Susan Snead

Select Board Liaison: Don White

Committee Volunteer: Rosalee Glass

Guest: Betsy Perry

The Chair, Meg Barclay, called the meeting to order at 4:05

Secretary's Report/Minutes: The minutes for the October 8, 2013 meeting were approved with one correction. "Respectively" was changed to "respectfully".

Select Board Liaison Report: Don reported that the Select Board will address engineering issues regarding the triple chair lift at the Snow Bowl and the plan for the River Walk and Landing project at this evening's meeting.

Committee Reports and Other Business

Archives: No report

Village Green: Meg e-mailed Town Manager Pat Finnegan about Pop Tech's use of the Village Green. Our committee was not notified or consulted about this. Pat was not aware that we should have been, but is now apprised.

The planting beds have been cleaned up for the winter.

Lynn Snider contacted Bart Wood about a leaning tree near the Allen Agency.

There was mention of a \$100,000 estimate for repairing the pavers in Lynn Snider's report. This seems exorbitant and may be a typo - ?

Harbor Park and Amphitheater: Dave reported that the barberry bushes on Main Street may need attention in the spring.

Annual Letter to Stewards of Town Historic Properties: The committee approved Meg's letter. The Camden Garden Club should be added to the list of recipients.

Curtis Island Light Museum: There has been no recent communication with DeeDee Conover about this. Meg will contact her.

Mountain View Cemetery and the Cemetery Association: There was discussion about how our committee could best interface with the Cemetery Association.

Meg noted that in researching other town ordinances, she has found that cemeteries generally are not eligible for the Historic Register unless the cemetery was designed by a famous architect, has the grave of an historical figure who is not otherwise honored or has the grave of a person of "transcendent importance".

Barbara Dyer's book about Mountain View Cemetery was noted.

Surveys of Camden's cemeteries and monuments conducted by Barbara Furman for the HRC are in a notebook in the Town Archives in the library. It was suggested that they could be shared with the Cemetery Association. The Cemetery Association will meet again in January. Meg will contact the Cemetery Assoc. chair, Jeff Sukeforth, to see how best to proceed.

Historic Preservation Ordinance: Review of Stakeholders List and Plan for Interaction with Other Committees:

There was considerable discussion about the best way to proceed in achieving an historic preservation ordinance for Camden and whether CLG (Certified Local Government) or MSM (Main Street Maine) status would be appropriate. It was agreed that the HRC should proceed gradually, taking the time to carefully gather information and to think through our goals and objectives.

A partnership with another Town committee with an economic focus was discussed and it was agreed that we should pursue the possibility of a partnership with CEDAC (Community Economic Development Advisory Committee). Meg will contact Deb Dodge, chair of CEDAC, regarding our wish for this partnership.

The Camden Garden Club and the Public should be added to the list of stakeholders.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Snead