

Camden Historic Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 11, 2014, Washington St. Conference Room

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

Alternates Present: Susan Neves

Volunteers: Rosalee Glass

Select Board Liaison: Don White

Guests: Dave Jackson, Harbor Park and Amphitheatre Director; Lynn Snyder, Camden Garden Club

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Meg Barclay

The Minutes of the October 14 meeting were accepted with the following corrections: 1) Elinor Klivans photographed good Rockport signage, and is not continuing research; 2) Heather Moran has digitized 400 items in the Archives that were already catalogued; 3) "Kath" Howard, not "Kathy", is doing the Village Green plan.

Chair's Report: received Chapter 18 of old Comprehensive Plan from Jean White, to be reviewed for recommended changes by Hist. Res. Committee

Select Board Liaison Report: Don White mentioned 68% voter turnout in Camden and 59% in Maine, highest count in the country. There will be a select board workshop on the Tannery vote, after which the issue will be returned to CEDAC. Question of whether guiding principles will change.---- The Village Green spruce will be coming down.

OLD BUSINESS

Archives: no meeting (storm outages and Veterans Day)

Village Green: Kath Howard was hired by the Garden Club to do long term plan for the Village Green and upgrades for next year's Garden Club centennial (benched, path, shrubs,...).Town Manager Pat Finnegan has not yet got back with path repair costs.

Harbor Park & Amphitheatre: Twelve trees were lost in the early November storm. Many were elderly, including the *Cornus mas* by the stairway, the hawthorn in front, the old white birch tree in harbor vista, the 14-year-old elm in the Amphitheatre, hemlock and spruce at the head of the Amphitheatre, and locust in the meadow area. One tree came down on the roof of the library book shed. Another landed on a neighboring property. The expenses associated with the storm damage will stress the Library's budget. The town manager is appealing to FEMA. Governor called storm a "partial disaster". Project Canopy (Dept. of Forestry program) funds may be possible. The Library will make a plan and replant over a number of years. Opera House: no report

Bayview St Historic District: Meg met with Anne Morris and will be scanning her many documents on the area. Meg will fill out the forms and Anne will edit. ---- A question was raised about the construction

atop the former Bayview Cinema/Peter Ott's building on Bayview. This appears to be a roof extension for an elevator to serve the new hotel going into the building. ---- A chocolate shop is moving to Bay View St.

New Member Orientation packet: Pat Skaling will scan it so it can be available digitally.

NEW BUSINESS

Camden Comprehensive Plan: Chapter 18 (Future Land Use Plan) is being addressed by the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The HRC was asked for input. The HRC discussed the insertion of wording to highlight the Historic Overlay zones. The wording approved at the meeting was:

“Camden has three existing National Register Historic Districts: the High Street Historic District; the Chestnut Street Historic District; and the Camden Great Fire Historic District. These form a historic spine through the heart of the village. Future planning should protect these historic resources and any additional districts that may be recognized in the future.”

Meg was given the responsibility to inform the Comprehensive Plan Committee of the HRC's proposed change.

Design Discussion: It was noted that a new, modern, energy efficient apartment is being built on corner of Cross and Central St. where an older village house was torn down. The question was raised, how we can prevent traditional buildings from being torn down. It was noted that the Comprehensive Plan informs future ordinances.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday December 9, 4:00pm at the Washington St. Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

Beedy Parker