

**Camden Historic Resources Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 11, 2014, Washington Street Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Chair-Meg Barclay; Beedy Parker, Judy McGuirk, Pat Skaling  
**Alternates Present:** Kris Mikkelsen, Susan Neves, Susan Snead  
**Volunteers:** Ann Sziklas  
**Select Board Liaison:** Don White  
**Camden Library Parks Director:** Dave Jackson

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Meg Barclay

**Secretary's Report/Review of Minutes:** Minutes of January 14, 2014, were accepted with the following addition: The HRC welcomed Susan Neves as a new alternate member. Also, the following corrections were made: under the "Minutes" heading, "town manager" was changed to upper case; under "Chair's Report", "town office" was changed to upper case; under "Select Board Liaison Report", "It's" was changed to "its" and the word "the" was added before "Green".

**Chair's Report:** Meg reported that since our last meeting she had prepared a **Village Green Policy Analysis Summary** in response to questions of the Select Board to clarify modifications the HRC is drafting in its proposed revisions of the ten-year-old Village Green policies, guidelines and application forms currently in use. Details of the subsequent HRC discussion follow later in these minutes.

**Select Board Liaison's Report:** Don White thought that the policy analysis which Meg had prepared to explain the rationale behind the proposed HRC draft of the **Village Green Policy and Use Guidelines (2/11/14)** would help answer questions from the Select Board about the impetus and need for changes and the updating of these policies and forms. Don appreciated the HRC efforts in tackling and preparing the recommendations for the Select Board's consideration.

Don stated that the Select Board will be voting on the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) fund changes at the February 25 meeting. He also stated that the Planning Board will be hearing from Paul Gibbons about changing the BRT zoning to allow residential units on the first floors of buildings in this district. For the Committee's information, he mentioned that Kristi Bifulco of the Windward House in the High Street District is working to secure approval of the Planning Board for a special exemption to the High Street Village District zoning in order to serve dinner to their guests.

Chair Meg Barclay asked about the HRC report to the Select Board which was scheduled for the February Select Board meeting. Don suggested that the March meeting would be a better time as the Select Board will experience a heavy agenda for February.

## **HRC GOALS/OLD BUSINESS**

### **Stewardship**

Archives: no report

Village Green: The Committee reviewed the corrections we had made to the **Town of Camden Village Green Policy and Use Guidelines** proposal and the application form and letter of agreement. The Committee felt it necessary to update these materials as it has been 10 years since an update, and the current materials are not a clear representation of the most efficient and consistent administration of the Village Green.

The **Village Green Policy and Analysis Summary** prepared by Meg Barclay was discussed, and

Meg will make an addition to paragraph 5 to address amplification. Additional revisions were recommended, which Meg will include in the next draft which will then be presented to the Select Board along with the actual **Town of Camden Village Green Policy and Use Guidelines** proposal at the Board's March meeting.

Harbor Park and Amphitheater: Dave Jackson commented on the successful February 1-2, Camden Winterfest Celebration in Harbor Park and the Amphitheatre. It was a joint effort with his committee and the Chamber of Commerce and Parks and Recreation. There was ice carving, snow sculpture, and freestyle skiing and snowboarding activities and a rail-jam competition in Harbor Park on Sunday. The plan for the future is to have a week-long Winterfest event leading into the National Toboggan Championships on the second weekend. Dave reported that the skating rink was not erected in the Amphitheatre this winter since last winter's weather only allowed 6 days of skating activities. Next year has yet to be decided. Camden will receive a Project Canopy grant again this year in the amount of \$8000. Two new trees are anticipated for the Amphitheatre.

Opera House: no report

#### Education/Recognition

Other Historic Properties: The Committee discussed potential properties from the Master Plan and from suggestions from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission as possible additions to the existing historic districts of Camden. Properties on Bayview Street and Mechanic Street were mentioned. Engaging an architectural historian to provide historical documentation and procuring a grant from Maine Community Development Foundation were seen by the Committee as desirable.

Members felt that the Committee should ask for seed money from the Town first by requesting a budget amount of \$3,000 for the coming year for an architectural historian to research the potential Bayview Street properties.

#### Policy

Historic Preservation Ordinance: Meg is on the agenda for CEDAC meeting February 24, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

Select Board Interface: February progress report to the Board will likely occur in March. Our report to the Board will highlight: Lighthouse Museum, Comprehensive Plan work, Village Green policy work, working with CEDAC in preparation of proposing a successful zoning ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15p.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, March 11, 4:00p.m. at the Washington St. Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Skaling