

**Historic Resources Committee  
Minutes of Meeting October 14, 2015**

**Present:**

**Members:** Meg Barclay (chair) Elinor Klivans, Judy McGuirk, Beedy Parker, Pat Skaling

**Alternates:** Kris Mikkelsen

**Volunteers:** Rosalee Glass, Susan Snead

**Select Board Liaison:** Don White

Meg Barclay called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm

The minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting were approved as written

**Chair's Report** - Items will be discussed during Old and New Business

**Select Board** - Don reported that an energy committee has been formed. The tannery committee is on a brief hiatus. The warrant for the November 3, 2015 election has been approved.

**Village Green** - Judy reported that the work on the Village Green is almost finished and the remainder will be done in the spring. The committee thanked the Camden Garden Club for their much needed work and expressed pleasure at how beautiful the Village Green is. Judy passed around the attached report that lists what remains to be done.

**Harbor Park and Amphitheatre** - Dave Jackson's report is attached.

**Historic Districts Downtown** - The project is on hold while Christi Mitchell does research. The update from Christi is below:

*The loss of the Peter Ott building has a really big impact on the integrity of the district. Prior to the renovations it was a building with a strong architectural presence that really helped to bring the district together. Now it has the opposite effect and essentially splits the district into two sections. Unfortunately, we are feeling that the southern section (#24 Bay View and #25 Bay View) may not be strong enough to merit continuing the district in that direction.*

On the other hand, there is solid support for including the Cappy's Trading Post building:

*I'm going to do some additional research on the history of Cappy's Trading Post, #25, #10 and #2 Bayview to determine if these buildings 1. might qualify for the NR on their own, or 2. whether we could do a smaller district from Cappys to 10 Bayview Street that wouldn't be connected to the Chestnut Street District.*

**Signage** - Meg is on the design team of the Downtown Network Board and has volunteered to investigate the area of signage for Camden. Meg's first step is to look at all Camden signage and evaluate and discuss the best ideas for signs in Camden.

## **New Business**

Meg Barclay received a unanimous vote to remain the chair of the Historic Resources Committee.

The committee was asked to submit their top three priorities to the Select Board. We discussed other areas of Camden that the committee could try to protect. It was noted that, for an area to become a National Register historic, there must be a cohesive story that the buildings tell. Three areas suggested are:

- Jacob's Avenue with its cohesive style of 1920's worker bungalows
- The houses on Mountain Street before Cross Street
- The extension of the historic district down Elm Street

It was noted that the new Select Board request for minutes and agendas are:

- Minutes to be submitted no later than 10 days after a meeting
- Agendas to be submitted no later than 7 days before a meeting.

The next meeting is November 10, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.