

**Historic Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting February 10, 2015**

Present:

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

Alternates: Susan Neves

Volunteers: Rosalee Glass, Susan Snead, Heather Moran, Dave Jackson

Meg Barclay called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

The minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Chair's Report:

Steward's Letter - The annual letter to the stewards of historic town properties was sent out by Janice Esancy. Meg has already had one inquiry from Penny Abbot, Commodore of the Camden Yacht Club. The Yacht club needs to fix drainage under the drive, and excavation will be involved. However, the landscape will be replaced as it exists. Meg informed Penny that as long as repairs resulted in an unchanged appearance, the project did not need to be reviewed by the HRC. Penny also inquired about changes to the interior lighting. Meg informed her that if historic lighting was being changed, the HRC would need to review that proposal. We also need to know if our application form will be used in concert with the new policy.

Village Green Policy – At its 2/3/2015 meeting, the Select Board voted to accept the HRC's restructuring of the Village Green Policy with the exception that the Select Board retained its function as the grantor of requests rather than shifting the function to the Town Manager. Pat Skaling added that the Select Board appreciated the Historic Resource Committee's work on the policy. Meg needs to ask Pat Finnegan if the HRC is responsible for correcting the language of our proposed Village Green Policy, or if that will happen in the Town Office. Meg also needs to ask about the fate of HRC's draft Village Green Use Application Form and accompanying site plan regarding this vote.

Historic Ordinance - Meg reported that Don White suggested we pursue the historic ordinance. Meg clarified that as a result of the meetings of the HRC, CEDAC and the Downtown Network Board, it was determined that the Bayview Street historic district work would need to be done first before any historic ordinance was pursued. It was also discussed that the proposed new Comprehensive Plan, that currently contains language that recommends a stronger historic ordinance, has not yet been accepted by a public vote.

Committee Reports:

Archives - Heather Moran will attend some of our committee meetings and help supply information to our committee. There was a discussion about the Historic Resources archival storage. Meg suggested that if the History Center needs the HRC to purchase archival storage materials or furnishings, that we have put such items in our budget in the past. Heather said a possible need is a flat file. This brought up

the question of where the flat file that once belonged to the HRC had been relocated, since this is a very expensive furnishing.

Harbor Park and Amphitheater – Dave Jackson reported that Winterfest was held on a very cold day, but had good attendance. There were 13 ice carving teams. The town paid the large bill for cleanup after the November 2, 2014 storm damage. This was very helpful. Dave is waiting to hear from project canopy about his grant application. The grant would replace 5 trees in Harbor Park and 6 trees in the town.

Old Business:

Bayview Street Historic Structures - Meg asked for a volunteer to co-ordinate the Bayview Street Historic District project. Susan Snead and Elinor Klivans volunteered. Meg will gather together her information and the project will begin organizing from there. Meg also needs to review last year's budget proposal with Pat to find out what funds are available to us for this project.

New Member Orientation Packet - The committee approved the new member orientation packet. Pat Skaling has changes in her packet that the Town Office does not have. Pat will get these to the Town Office. The packet can then be put up on line and include the new Village Green Policy once the language and application form is finalized.

Annual Report - The committee approved the draft of our annual report. Meg will send it to the Town Office.

Budget – Last year's budget will be reviewed by Meg with the view of shaping this year's budget to fund the Bayview Street project.

New Business:

Heritage Tree Walk - Susan Snead showed a brochure on a tour of Camden's heritage trees and treescapes that was put together by Nancy Johnston. It includes a tree walk in Camden. There is so much material, that additional walking tours of historic trees are planned.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm. The next meeting will be March 10, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Elinor Klivans