

Camden Historic Resources Committee Minutes
Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 4 p.m.

Present: Meg Barclay, chair; Members Judy McGuirk, Pat Skaling, Don White, Beedy Parker; Alternates Susan Neves, Kris Mikkelsen; volunteer Rosalee Glass

Secretary's Report: Minutes of July 8 were approved by Pat and seconded by Susan.

Select Board Report: Don White reported that there will be a vote of warrant at tonight's meeting regarding the Windward House and the Tannery property.

OLD BUSINESS

Archives: Rosalee reported that because Heather Moran needs to use the flat file drawers, foam core display boards created by the HRC needed to be removed. The boards were photographed, and materials removed if possible, before they were discarded. Six others are saved in files and can be used again; four are in a closet and can be used as needed.

Village Green: Lynn Snyder provided a written report with an update on maintenance: The beds were weeded and cleaned of debris (many cigarette butts) in May, and mulched in June by Rob Laite who was hired by the Garden Club. No work was done in July, and in August weeding, tidying, sweeping, and some pruning was done. On September 1 many women plus Bart Furey came to edge, weed, and sweep. The yellow day lilies were removed from the west end bed and replaced with rudbeckia and astilbe. Frank Carr of the Lions Club hauled off a truck load of debris. There was a leak in one of the hose lines which has since been repaired. Lynn made the following recommendations for the Village Green:

- Removal of Blue spruce tree
- Reinstallation of chain at west end
- Sidewalk pavers reset and leveled
- Park benches painted

- Brass “no smoking” plaques affixed to benches since people do not notice the “no smoking” signs posted at the edges of the Green

It was suggested that Garden Club president Elizabeth Moran speak to town manager Pat Flannigan **in person** regarding the removal of the spruce tree since there has been no response to Elizabeth’s phone calls.

Judy reported that the Garden Club’s centennial committee and Bart Wood are going to the Village Green to make a complete list of things that need to be attended to, the cost, and how the cost can be shared by the town and possibly other organizations. Removal of the spruce tree is #1 on the list.

Judy suggested that a policy be set in writing to emphasize the importance of following the master plan when replacing any plants in town parks including the Village Green. Any changes made to the Village Green need approval by HRC.

Harbor Park: Dave Jackson sent a report that the golden rooster weathervane went missing! (It has since been found and a photo taken in case it disappears and cannot be found and can then be replicated.) The rooster needs to be valued for insurance purposes.

Opera House: August was very successful with the sold-out performance by Paul Stuke. He plans to return next year. The committee is waiting for “needs” assessment for the opera house before proceeding with any projects.

Lighthouse Tour: Waiting for decision on a date for Select Board to visit.

Historic District & River Walk Signs: It was reported that Elinor Klivans is looking for attractive signs and has yet to find the right product.

Historic Districts: Christi Mitchell’s Maine Historic Preservation Commission survey reports that properties eligible to contribute to a National Historic District (but not eligible as stand-alone properties) are Bayview St. numbers 2, 10, 12, 20 and 25 (comprised of #23, #27 & #29) .

#17 Atlantic Ave. (boathouse next to the American Boat House – which is #15) was considered eligible to contribute to a district or have a stand-alone listing.

There were no properties in the vicinity of the intersection of Washington and Mechanic Streets, including the Knox Mill, the bridge, or the Brewster Building that were considered eligible for any designation.

#10 Mechanic Street (Camden Merchants Showcase/Old Theater) was not determined one way or the other. Other properties on Mechanic were not surveyed.

#43 Elm Street (Camden Real Estate) and #82 Elm Street (Blackberry Inn) were not determined one way or the other. Other Elm Street properties were not surveyed.

#33 Union Street (a Victorian residential property) was not determined one way or the other. Other properties on Union Street were not surveyed.

#34 Main Street (The Leather Bench) and #38 Main Street (The Right Stuff) were not surveyed.

Tannery Lane was not surveyed.

Washington Street between Elm and the corner of Mechanic was not surveyed.

Cappys (#1 Main Street) is not mentioned.

It was moved and seconded to proceed with Ann Morris to investigate the Bay View Street addresses and Cappy's Restaurant at a cost of up to \$2,000. Meg will contact her to see what information she has on file.

New Member Orientation: Pat handed out copies of the orientation packet put together by Susan Snead, Pat, and Rosalee. Work is still in progress as dates need to be added. We will read it over and offer comments and suggestions if necessary. Thank you, ladies, for a well-done job!

The next meeting of the HRC will be Tuesday, October 14, at 4 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Mikkelsen

