

**Camden Historic Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2015
Washington Street Conference Room**

Present: Members Chair Meg Barclay, Beedy Parker, Pat Skaling; Alternates Susan Neves, Kris Mikkelsen; Volunteer Susan Snead

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the December meeting were approved as written.

Old Business

Village Green

The spruce tree in the center of the Village Green has been removed. Our committee has received no word from the Select Board regarding revisions to the Village Green Policy. Meg will get in touch with Jim Heard about this.

Camden Opera House

It was noted that The Friends of the Opera House sent out a letter before Christmas soliciting public support.

Annual Letters to Stewards of Historic Town Properties

Meg will send out a letter to the stewards of these properties.

New Member Orientation

Pat reported that the orientation packet has almost all been scanned. She suggests another review to decide what should be included. There was discussion about this. Pat suggests submitting the packet digitally, with links, and updating it when appropriate. A better town map with the historic overlays should be included.

New Business

Middle School Proposal Meg reported that she went to a meeting before Christmas when the School Board presented a proposal for the construction of a new middle school on Knowlton Street to the Select Board. Plans call for 82,000 square foot middle school structure be built behind the existing school, updates to the athletic fields, renovations to the bus barn and new traffic patterns. The historic Mary E. Taylor building would remain and would be used for administrative offices and adult education classes. The estimated cost of the project is 24.1 million dollars. The School Board has scheduled a vote on this proposal for February 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Snead