

**Historic Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting March 8, 2016**

Present:

Members: Meg Barclay, Chair; Elinor Klivans, Judy McGuirk, Beedy Parker, Pat Skaling

Alternate: Susan Neves

Volunteers: Dave Jackson

Select Board Liaison: Don White

Meg Barclay called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm

The minutes of the February 9, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Chair's Report - Meg received a letter from the Camden Yacht Club asking if they needed Historic Resource Committee engagement to replace the kitchen hood exhaust fans and move them from the side walls to the roof. Meg invited them to the committee meeting and also replied that yes, they need HRC review and a Select Board approval prior to the commencement of the work. They did not come to the meeting.

Committee Reports

Archives - Meg reported that the library is interested in making some changes to increase use of the Library space. One of these changes may be in the History Center.

Village Green - no report

Harbor Park and Amphitheater – Dave Jackson reported:

1. He hopes to have the annual volunteer cleanup day on April 23.
2. There was a suggestion from the library development committee to put benches in the amphitheater area. The committee members spoke against citing visual and space-use reasons.
3. There has been no recent tree damage.

Historic Districts – The Cappy's building is going to be a Shipyard Brewing pub. Meg, Susan and Elinor plan to meet with Matt Orne, the owner of the building, to discuss the building's historic property potential.

Old Business - The annual steward's letter was sent out to town properties.

New Business

Meg reported that the Downtown Design Team is working on exterior lighting for the Opera House. The Downtown Design Team has put out an RFP to lighting design companies for lighting design proposals for this project.

There was a discussion of succession for the HRC.

Don White reported that the select board plans to make some changes on the ballot format.

Meg asked for any input for the committee's annual report. Highlights of the year's activities are:

1. Working with the Camden Garden Club on improvements to the Village Green
2. Working with the Maine Historic Preservation Committee to determine expansion of Camden's existing National Register of Historic Places to include Bayview Street. The determination was that there was not enough cohesion along Bayview Street to warrant any expansion.
3. Working with the Downtown Design Team on improved street lighting, Opera House exterior lighting, and new street trees for Elm Street.
4. Assisting the stewards of town-owned historic properties by offering advice and guidance.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm. The next meeting will be April 12, 2016

Respectfully submitted, Elinor Klivans