

**Historic Resources Committee
Minutes of meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

Present:

Members: Meg Barclay, Chair; Beedy Parker, Judy McGuirk

Select Board Liaison: Don White

Visitors: Dave Morrison, Richard Anderson, Richard Bernhard, Paul Cavalli,
Jeff Foltz

Meg called the meeting to order at 4:03pm

Minutes: The March 8 minutes were approved with corrections previously made.

Select Board Report: Don reported that the Select Board was addressing charter and zoning ordinance changes at upcoming public hearings. He invited anyone interested to attend.

Archives: No report

Village Green: No report

Harbor Park & Amphitheatre: No report

Opera House: Dave Morrison proposed locating a plaque, denoting the historic status of the Opera House, on the fluted section of the brick column at the left front of the building. Meg suggested considering a location inside the front door, at the bottom of the stairs or in the lobby since the brick column is a significant feature of the facade of the building. Another possibility could be the narrow section of brick just to the left of the column where there are already holes indicating something had been hung there in the past. Dave said he would look into re-sizing the plaque to accommodate that spot, as well as consult his committee about the idea. Dave will return to a future meeting with a mock-up.

Camden Yacht Club: Richard Anderson presented the Yacht Club's need to replace kitchen ventilation currently located on the Bayview Street side of the building with new units that would be placed on the roof directly above the current ventilation.

The Yacht Club recently learned that the existing kitchen/cooking ventilation is illegal. It does not meet State of Maine adopted Federal code, NFPA #96. The code states that the fans cannot be exhausted out of a wall made of any combustible material. Gases and carbon monoxide should be exhausted at least 40" above the roof line and the outlet should not be within 10' of windows, doors and public spaces.

Meg recommended the Yacht Club consult a structural engineer to see if the roof could support the load of the new system and the necessary flashing. Richard agreed since they had not already done this.

A motion was made and passed to have Meg write a letter of recommendation to the Select Board stating that, although this request does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Alterations and Additions to Historic Roofs that face public right-of-way, it is necessary to meet State of Maine fire code. This recommendation hinges on a favorable report from a structural engineer.

Chestnut Street Baptist Church: Jeff Foltz addressed the committee about the Steeple Project and the Town Clock related to fundraising and the Town's denial of their \$75,000 budget request. Jeff reported that the entire steeple is rapidly decaying and is in dire need of restoration. The church members have raised \$323,000 of the \$538,000 needed for a restoration that is considered a 100 year fix. Jeff was asking for new fundraising ideas. With the loss of Town money they have not raised enough to qualify for a grant.

Jeff showed a very impactful slide presentation of what the Town would look like without the steeple.

Beedy suggested they form a second committee that includes other residents who might not be Baptist Church members, since loss of the steeple is a loss to the Town, not just the church. Other helpful suggestions were made including the promise of names of people who might help. Jeff was encouraged to not give up. He asked that anyone interested in helping with donations or ideas contact him at jeffoltz8@gmail.com, 236-0608, cell 390-1267.

Design Committee: Meg reported that the Downtown Design Team received information from the Holophane Company on their newest street light designs. The sample street light project is moving along.

The Design Team is continuing to work with the Camden Opera House regarding the Opera House's desire to improve night time visibility through lighting the banners and entrance.

The Design Team might work with Steve Pixley on a new Harbor Masters building. Stuart Smith indicated interest in paying for new lighting for the Harbor area.

The next meeting of the HRC will be Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 4:00pm in the Washington Street Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy McGuirk