

TOWN OF WINCHENDON

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Historic Commission
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6:00pm May 10, 2017 4th Floor Confernece Room

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TOWN CLERK
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Members in attendance: Lois Abare, Jim McCrohan, Peg Corbosiero, Mary Harrington, Y. Harrington, Corey Bohan, Dave Plummer

Members of public present: Greg Vine

Meeting called to order @6:03pm

Minutes read by Lindsay, and necessary changes to minutes were noted.

Motion to approve minutes Y. Harrington/Corbosiero unanimous 6:11pm

No member comments

Announcements:

Corey- There is a meet and greet Tuesday May 16th from 5:30-7:00pm at the Winchendon School; Rep. Zlotnik, Senator Goby, the Town Manager and his staff will be in in attendance

Peg- Historical society annual meeting 5/11/17 5:30pm Carriage House.

POTENTIAL POLICIES

Historic commission Policy: looking to see what we would like to adopt for policies as far as what the commission handles (procedurally); there should be a meeting designated to pecking away at policies. There are forms being used (dating back to the 90s) that need to be filled out for historic commission approval. After discussion Geoff Newton suggested that the commission have a spot to sign off on forms (when commission's approval is necessary), but Keith did not agree. In time the issue will be addressed again.

Jay: when it comes to planning board if it was signed off by historic commission first, would make PB's job easier. It is a procedural issue, and can be addressed with the Town Manager, if not it can be brought to the Selectmen.

Peg requested the matter be tabled until next meeting; the Historic commission should get a look at projects before they are torn down or tearing down is eminent.

EDF GRANT RHI BUILDING

Need to get drafted letter to Tracy, to move forward.

CUMBERLAND FARMS MITIGATION GRANT

It has been communicated as a go by the planning manager of the Cumberland Farms project Don Johnson. Corey drafted a letter in response to the grant and noted his thanks as the funding will be helpful in Winchendon's attempt of preservation to the historical downtown (\$10,000.00). The funding can be used for future preservation work. Corey assured Mary that a majority vote as decided that the commission will decide what happens with the funds from the grant.

Corey would like to apply for Robinson Broadhurst and Mass historic to double and then double again. Why not save the cost of hiring the cost of a consultant at \$70+ an hour and getting only the downtown worked on, when we could double/quadruple funds and hire own employee for the fraction of the cost of hiring a consultant, therefore creating something for each historical village in town. Whatever the commission decides is how the money will be used.

A member of the commission needs to draft a letter to get on the agenda for the Selectmen's meeting to create a gift account for the commission/Massachusetts municipal finance law. Once finished an account number will be assigned, ~~and taxes can be collected on the funds~~. Money from FY 17 needs to be expended, membership dues for the national trust of historical preservation are owed, preservation Massachusetts, Winchendon center of history and culture (50), and grant station.

Motion to make expenditures: McCrohon/Abare; Corbosiero abstained; M. Harrington, Y. Harrington, Bohan, Plummer in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Old photographs from around town are going to be selected and blown up to be hung up in the Cumberland farms.

Budget money has increased an additional \$400 (for the year budget is \$1100).

Corey would like to take fascia board from destruction of buildings in Cumberland Farms project to make into small sections and sell as part of Winchendon's history and use the money for commission purposes.

Dave-Would donation be better than a set price?

Peg- Present as helping the historical society continue

The matter will be discussed at a later date.

Freedoms Way has contacted us with a grant they have to identify sites in their heritage area for potential listing as national historic landmarks, and gives a sheet to add a location if we chose to, and this can be brought up at next meeting to allow some time to get thoughts together regarding the matter.

GREG VINE

As a member of Ingleside utilization committee, if at some point would it be appropriate for the utilization committee to have a representative from historical commission come in and let us know if it would be appropriate to do work on buildings.

- Corey spoke for the commission noting that a member from the commission would be happy to join the board at the earliest convenience of the Planning Board.

The next meeting has been set for June 14th 2017 at 6:00pm in 4th floor conference room.

Motion to adjourn Corbosiero/McCrohon unanimous 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsay Kuchta
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved 7/12/2017

Yvonne M. Hamrick

Peggy Ann Corbosiero

Luis C. Albano

Corey A. Bohan

David Blum
