

Wakefield Heritage Commission

September 15, 2010

Members Present: Pam Judge (Chairperson), John Waitner (Vice-Chairperson), Phil Twombly, Rod Cools, Joe Brejwo, Nancy Hall (Alternate for Snooky Shea), Valerie Ward (Alternate)

Members Not Present: Peter Kasprzyk (Selectmen's Representative), Snooky Shea, Kelly Shea (Alternate), Barry Bishop (Alternate)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Opening with the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: The minutes from September 1, 2010 were reviewed. Phil made a motion to approve the minutes. John seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence: NEMA is having a conference in Springfield, MA November 3rd-5th. Rod, Phil, Valerie and Pam has decided to attend. Registration is \$145.00 without meals included. Rod made a motion that the Commission approves the spending of \$580.00 so four members can attend the conference. Joe seconded the motion. Motion passed. Knight Security can do burglary and fire protection. The quote will vary if the Town's insurance carrier determines the building to need commercial coverage.

Financials: Fund 1 has been updated thru the 15th of September. Oil was in Fund 1 and it was also in Fund 4. Pam sat with Kathy and Lisa from the town's financial office and straightened it out so now it is only in Fund 1.

Pam presented the budget to the Town Administrator.

The town attorney has submitted a bill for \$245.00 for the time spent preparing his opinion regarding the Brejwo/WHC issue at the last meeting. Pam discussed this with the Town Administrator and it has been determined the bill can be paid from the Town's legal line.

Items on the warrant this week are; certified mail for the CLG grant, border painting at the Spinney Meeting House, and Longmeadow Hardware.

Freight House Bid Openings: There have been three bids submitted to do the work at the freight house. Each of the contractors was given the specs from the building inspector. Farley Construction submitted a bid for \$9,600.00. 3D Express submitted a bid for \$9,800.00. Master Plus General Contracting submitted a bid for \$13,050.00. After some discussion Rod made a motion to rule out the bid from Master Plus General Contracting. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

It was decided that Rod and either John or Phil will meet Farley Construction and the building inspector and 3D Express and the building inspector at the site to review the bids. They will make a recommendation at a special meeting to be held Wednesday at 5:00 PM September 22nd for this purpose. Rod will contact Arthur tomorrow.

Currently Fund 4 has \$10,317.00. The insurance check for the roof is \$2674.00. With the expenses incurred but not paid Pam anticipates a balance around \$9,000.00 in this fund.

Union Station: The light in Heritage Park has been installed last Friday by PSNH. Phil went down on Friday night and reported that it does a good job lighting up the area. The only part that is really dark is the south side of the station. Phil mentioned having motion lighting in this area.

Phil and Bill Judge have gone to Winnepesaukee Lumber and used most of the \$137.00 credit that was left there for lumber. Pam has picked up stain and urethane so Phil will be working on finishing the wood trim at the Railroad Station.

Phil and Bill have also been working on the plow car. They have replaced some wood timbers and are working on repairing/rebuilding the rotted windows. Some of the wood previously purchased for the Freight House has been infested with carpenter ants and some has molded from the leaking roof. They have been able to use some of this wood on the plow car and have also been given a timber from the Bancrofts.

Mill and Industrial sites CLG: The application has been completed and sent by certified mail along with all attachments necessary. This will be e-mailed to all members.

Other: Joe questioned the amount of money that would be left after repairing the Freight House roof and suggested we should consider selling the building to regain some funds. The discussion centered around needing the land for parking and some of the building for storage. Pam also stressed we would need to continue to fund raise and depend on volunteers as we had done for the last 19 years. Phil said we had not made as much as we should have from our raffle. Pam commented that the Commission did not do their share in that project as only a few sold tickets. Joe suggested we could rent half the building for storage. Commission seemed to think that would be better than selling the property.

Joe Brejwo – discuss adding gutters to house and a generator: Joe passed around photos of his house (2784 Wakefield Road) with circles where the wood has rotted from run off, and drawings where he would want gutters placed. These would be seamless aluminum gutters. Joe has fixed the rotted wood and believes the snow will melt faster on the south side of the house and therefore the house is in need of gutters. Joe was advised this is a visual change and will need a hearing.

He asked the difference between posing a meeting and posting a hearing. And was told the hearing required noticing about gutters and posting the meeting in the paper. He said he resented spending \$60.00 to pay to advertise maintaining his house.

A generator will be installed before winter. He again had photos of the two places he was considering of placing it. The WHC has no jurisdiction on generators.

Joe asked the Commission members (excluding Pam) if they could name the two buildings in the Historic District that had vinyl siding on them. No one could answer it. Hayes's property was one. No one could come up with the other. Joe said it was Denley's barn. Pam corrected him that is aluminum siding which she thought was added in the '60's. He also informed the Commission that Mr. Takis has added metal roofing to the northeast side of his barn without coming to the Commission and it looked like he

might do the other side without coming to us as well. Pam said she had not noticed this, she would speak with Dave and the permit officer.

Other: John and Joe passed out a “matrix” for the discussion present rules in the Historic District. This will be reviewed by Commission members and discussed at the next meeting. Pam will ask the Town Attorney to attend a meeting in November to discuss current rules and future changes.

The idea of creating a file for each house in the Historic District was discussed.

Phil will be attending a workshop of digitizing collections. Rod moved to pay the \$20.00 for the workshop. John seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Rod made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Ward, Secretary