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November 8, 2018

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Special meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:45 at Turntable Park

Members present: Rick Poore, Annette Perry, Snooky Shea, Nancy Hall, Jeanne Loughan, Pam Wiggin.

Meeting opened by Pam and she explained that we would be seeing the Freight House and then returning to Turntable Park to discuss and review the potential future site of the B&M freight house currently owned by Eversource.

Members walked to the freight house and were joined by Phil and Connie Twombly, Town Administrator Kelley Collins, Building Inspector Russell Bookholz, Eversource Rep. John Greene, Jennifer from the Eversource real estate dept., and Nadine Miller from NH Div. of Historical Resources. The interior of the site was toured. Rick noted that the building is in surprisingly good condition. Sections of the interior have been reframed but the original structure is intact. No negative issues were noted. Parts of the original scales are still there. Details for acquiring the building were discussed. Eversource has a meeting on Nov. 19 where all concerned within their company will be expressing their opinions. After that time they will let us know if they have a "green light" to go forward. We could easily have a positive response from Eversource in December. Pam noted that the Town and WHC will need more time to perform on our end. We seemed to be assured that would not be an issue.

The group then returned to Turntable Park where we were joined by Chris Gamache from Dept of Cultural and Natural Resources and Joe Kenney of Governor's Council. Potential sites were reviewed. Nadine noted that we should have an archaeologist review that as well. It is likely that the site will be between the parking area and the turntable. That will reduce the impact on the historical footprint of the area and allow the future presentation of the original structures. This can be presented by appropriate signage. A variance for the railroad setback will be necessary. Nadine will discuss potential ideas with others in her Dept and get back to Pam. Chris Gamache reviewed the process regarding selling State

property vs. leasing it. He said that the State is currently not pursuing selling any property like this as the rail corridor would always be retained . Discussions with the Town Admin and Gamache resulted in determining that a mutually agreeable lease for 25 years could be ready to be signed in March if the Town vote agreed to leasing and not purchasing. He will work on a draft and get it to Kelley, Nadine and Pam.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02