

These minutes were approved at the October 2, 2003 Meeting

**DURHAM HISTORIC COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2003 7:00 pm  
DURHAM PUBLIC WORKS - CONFERENCE ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman: Roger Jaques  
Vice chair: Crawford Mills,  
Secretary: Andrea Bodo,  
Leslie Schwartz  
:  
Nicholas Isaak, Planning Board Representative:  
Malcolm Sandberg, Town Council Representative:

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Joan Graf

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair: Roger Jaques called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**AUGUST 7, 2003**

Mal Sandberg discussed the category roman V –ONGOING TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION NEXT MTG pointing out that the specific topics to be discussed should appear under OLD BUSINESS on the future agendas of upcoming meetings. This gives the public the opportunity to see what will be discussed and come to the meetings if they are interested in hearing about those topics and contributing to them.

Leslie Schwartz suggested striking FOR DISCUSSION NEXT MTG and just have roman V – ONGOING TOPICS.

Mal Sandberg made a motion striking FOR DISCUSSION NEXT MTG and just have roman V – ONGOING TOPICS. The motion was seconded by Crawford Mills and the vote was unanimous to make this change.

There were no further suggestions and the Aug 7 minutes were approved .

**AUGUST 28, 2003 minutes**

To be reviewed at the October mtg.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**ROUTE 108 EXPANSION** Chair Jaques received a letter from Harry Kinter, NH DOT re: Durham-Newmarket STP-TE-X-5113(009),13080

NH Route 108 Safety Improvemnents inviting members of the HDC to attend a Cultural Resource Agency Meeting in Concord NH Thursday Sept 11,2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Mal Sandberg quoted from his November 20, 2002 email correspondence to Mr. Kinter requesting our being involved on this project.

It was felt that there should be HDC representation at this meeting and Mal Sandberg, Leslie Schwartz and Crawford Mills will try to attend and represent HDC.

**HDC BUDGET 2004** Chair Jaques received a letter from Gail Jablonski asking for the HDC to submit their budget for 2004 by tomorrow. Chair Jaques will speak with Karen Edwards about the possibility of having a district map and the cost. It was felt that the decision should be left up to our chairman as to the amount. Nick Isaak made a motion to have Chair Jaques determine the amount needed and respond to the letter and the motion was seconded by Mal Sandberg. The vote was unanimous.

## IV . Old Business

### 1. Demolition by Neglect –

Chair Jaques read a communiqué from Todd Selig and the NH Municipal Association dated 8/26/03 in regard to preventing the demolition of historic structures by neglect. It says that “the law is not specific as to whether a town may only regulate affirmative acts of repair or demolition or whether it may also regulate repair or demolition that occurs by omission (lack of action).”

A document draft AN ORDINANCE TO COUNTERACT DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT – DURHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT was passed around. This document had been rejected by the Town Council in 5/93

It was suggested that Chair Jaques speak with Jenny Berry and Marie Polk for the history of this document and action taken against adopting it.

The members felt that this was an important topic to discuss but first it should be clarified what information and data has already been compiled about this issue.

**2. House plaques** – Andrea reported that Colonial Brass has raised its prices from \$75/plaque (1999 price) to \$250/plaque and if ordered in multiples of 10, the price would be \$175/plaque. It was felt that this info could be put up on the Durham website for the individual homeowners to purchase.

**3. Heritage Commission** – Andrea Bodo passed out a web page concerning a letter sent out to request Heritage Commissions to send their information in to Linda Wilson, NH Division of Historical Resources. Hopefully by the next meeting there will be more specifics on the established HERITAGE COMMISSIONS that already exist in NH. Andrea plans to discuss the status of her inquiries at the October meeting.

## V ONGOING TOPICS

- A. status of House plaques – Andrea Bodo
- B. “demolition by neglect” – Chair Jaques
- C. Heritage Commission – Andrea Bodo
- D. Status of Article VI rewrite at the Planning Board – Nick Isaak

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

Since there were no more topics for discussion

The MOTION for adjournment was made by Nick Isaak , and SECONDED by Crawford Mills.

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes taken by,  
Andrea Bodo, secretary HDC

9/4/2003

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