

These minutes were approved at the July 5, 2005 meeting.

**DURHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2005**

Members Present: Crawford Mills, Chair; Cathy Leach, Secretary
 Karl Van Asselt, Town Council Rep.
 Nick Isaak, Planning Board Rep.
 Eric Inglefinger; Roger Jaques

Members Absent: Leslie Schwartz, Vice Chair

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

- II. The minutes from the May 5 meeting were approved and amended to include approval of the April meeting minutes.

- III. New Business:
 - a. Cathy Leach updated the commission on the approval of the NHDHR grant for the HDC brochure. The grant still needs approval from the state, but that is expected to happen by the end of June. Cathy will call NHDHR to determine when we can meet with the person assigned to assist with this project. We will work on setting a more specific timetable as well the division of duties at the July meeting.
 - b. Crawford Mills presented announcement of a meeting from the NH DOT regarding the Rte. 108 bike path.
 - c. Nick Isaak mentioned that Home Depot does engraving for plaques that we may want to investigate further for our plaquing project.
 - d. There was discussion regarding the benefits of putting a building on the National Registry. Crawford will investigate this further for the July meeting.
 - e. Crawford brought to the commission's attention a phone call he received from Town Councilor Diana Carroll, asking if the HDC could get involved in fixing up the courthouse. Crawford indicated to Ms. Carroll that this is not something that falls within the HDC purview.

- IV. Old Business:
 - a. Cathy Leach reported on her meeting with Jim Campbell regarding the Heritage Commission. She received verification that RSA 674:46a allows for an existing Historic District Commission to assume the duties of a

Heritage Commission. Also in the meeting, there was discussion of the Demolition by Neglect proposal in the Historic District zoning

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overlay. Mr. Campbell reported that it is a new idea to him, and he's been told by the town attorney, Walter Mitchell, that this does not exist in other N.H. towns. Mitchell does think that it would hold up in court, if necessary.

- b. There was discussion of whether the Smitty's gas station property falls within the Historic District. Nick Isaak will verify with Jim Campbell.

V. Additional new business:

- a. The commission discussed its goals for the coming year:
 - 1. Begin inventory/survey project. Nick will contact Peter Anderson; Cathy will contact UNH/TSAS; Crawford will contact the Historic Consultant in York, Maine to get input and to gauge their interest in assisting with the survey.
 - 2. Complete educational brochure.
 - 3. Establish the Heritage Commission.
 - 4. Define HDC regulatory role within the Historic District.
 - 5. Increase UNH involvement in HDC projects
 - 6. After assuming Heritage Commission duties, begin fundraising and historic designation of town sites.
 - 7. Establish ways to work cooperatively with the Durham Historic Association.

VI. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

