

These minutes were approved at the April 2, 2009 meeting.

**DURHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2009**

Members Present: Nick Isaak, Chair; Leslie Schwartz, Vice Chair; Erich Ingelfinger, Secretary; Henry Smith, Town Council Rep; Susan Fuller Planning Board Rep.; Andrea Bodo; Crawford Mills

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.
- II. Minutes for December 4, 2008 passed.
- III. New Business
 - A. Planning for Mill Pond Dam presentation. Andrea Bodo, Dick Lord, and Dave Cedarholm addressed the commission on the upcoming public information session to be held on March 4th. David Cedarholm discussed the organization of the meeting and who would be presenting. Andrea Bodo and Dick Lord presented historical information about the Mill Pond Dam that Andrea will present at the public information session.
 - B. Discussion with public about the future of the Mill Pond Dam. A large number of residents attended the meeting to discuss both the upcoming public information session and to discuss the fate of the dam generally. Concerns were raised about the possible removal of the dam and the effect it would have on the property values of abutters of the Mill Pond, the loss of history and character that might result, the possible loss of tax revenue due to decreased area property values, the resulting wetlands and distribution of these among abutters, the possible increased smell of a tidal water system, and the fate of area town parks. A number of members of the public urged the Commission to support the conservation of the dam and to file an application with the state for the registration of the dam as an historic structure.

Caution and consideration was also urged by many present. A number of members of the public expressed the opinion that river restoration and dam removal be at least investigated fully before any decisions regarding the dam's future are made.

Members of the public were asked to sign in and that attendance sheet will be submitted with these minutes.

- IV. Old Business
 - A. None
- V. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.