

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

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

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

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. New Business

A. The Commission discussed the March 4<sup>th</sup> Informational Meeting and the Commission's role as Advocate for the preservation of the Oyster River Dam. A motion was made that the Historic District Commission submit the application for the registration of Oyster River Dam on Mill Pond as an Historic Structure, in collaboration with the Durham Historic Association, to the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. The motion passed unanimously.

The commission continued its discussion of how to best advocate for the preservation of the dam. Suggestions included an insert for the Durham Historic Associations walking tour of Durham pamphlet, a possible charity ball for the dam held by the Three Chimneys Inn, careful investigation of the true costs of river restoration (including property assessments and lot surveys, wetlands management, river dredging, and the development and maintenance of new town land), discussions with Strawberry Banke about the dam as a regional historic site, the possible development of hydro-power at the dam, and a Commission recommendation to the Town Council that the dam be preserved. A motion was made to draft a letter to the Town Council stating the Commission's belief that the dam is an historic structure and as such should be preserved. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Julian Smith attended the meeting and informed the Commission that the Town Council would be discussing the dam at the Council's March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

B. Discussion of New Hampshire Scenic Byways Program and the possible inclusion of parts of route 108 in Durham.

IV. Old Business

A. None

V. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.