

These minutes were approved at the January 7, 2010 meeting.

DURHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT HERITAGE COMMISSION
December 3, 2009
DURHAM TOWN HALL -COUNCIL CHAMBERS 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Nick Isaak,; Vice Chair Crawford Mills : Town Council Rep Peter Stanhope
and Secretary Andrea Bodo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Planning Board Rep Richard Ozenich , Eric Ingelfinger and Leslie Schwartz

OTHERS PRESENT: Herbert E Burton III on behalf of Kyreages Inc

I. Chairman Isaak called the meeting to order at 7: 05 pm.

II. Approval of minutes from the October meeting was postponed until January since only 2 members were present at that mtg.
Motion by Crawford Mills and seconded by Andrea Bodo

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Application for a Certificate of Approval submitted by Herbert E. Burton III, Berwick, Maine, on behalf of Kyreages Inc., York Harbor, Maine, to rebuild the chimney on a building. The property involved is shown on Tax Map 5, Lot 1-9, is located at 21/23 Main Street and is in the Church Hill Zoning District.

Mr Burton showed pictures of the deteriorated and cracked chimney at this location and requested permission to repair.

Discussion agreed that this was necessary and complied with the design standards of the HDC. Motion made by Crawford Mills to grant this application and seconded by Crawford Mills. A Certificate of Approval was granted by unanimous consent.

IV OLD BUSINESS

A. MillPond update -

Sediment and bathymetric studies and lydar mappings have been completed on the Mill Pond. The State had a private survey company study the Pond for the treatment of vegetation.

B. OYSTER RIVER DAM

1.Core sampling of the concrete has been done under the supervision of Prof David Gress, UNH.

Results are due back in January 2010.

2.FUNDING

still awaiting word from Rep Carol Shea Porter's Office.

Monies are again available through LCHIP and will require someone attending a workshop for grant writing.
? possibility of private funding

October 28, 2009 - Maggie Stier and Andrea spoke at ROTARY . They are concerned with preservation and would like to help with a gift

November 2, 2009 - Steve Burns arranged for Gregory Nau, principle of Southeast Power Engineering , from England to give a presentation of the archamedeon screw for the Oyster River Dam. He showed a 1 minute video of a 3D mockup of what the dam could look like with this form of hydropower technology. This presentation was done in Nov before the Town Council.

Nov 16-18, 2009 - Andrea Bodo and Steve Burns hosted THE great grandson of Hamilton Smith and grandson of Edith Onderdonk – the Rev Congreve Hamilton Quinby and his wife from Nov 16-18th. They visited the Smith Chapel, toured the Hamilton Smith estate, the Durham Historical Museum. Rev Quinby spoke to 30 people Monday night at Three Chimneys, and again on Tuesday at St George’s Church. He was pleased to be down here and revisit his family’s generous contributions to the Town of Durham.

December 1, 2009 - Andrea spoke at the TUESDAY CLUB re the history of Red Tower/Hamilton Smith/ the dam and they overwhelming support preservation of Durham’s historic landmark.

MEDIA

Andrea showed short video of Red Tower and History Walk . Peter Stanhope will check in with DCAT to see if these shorts can be used.

B. Wiswall Interpretative Committee - Sept 16

On Sept 20, The Town Council appointed a committee that was mandated by a FEMA Memorandum of Agreement for mitigation of the Wiswall Bridge to run at least until March 2010. This will also encompass the work of dam repair, fish way instillation, and John Hatch Memorial Park. Andrea Bodo is serving as HDC rep . Nick Isaak will be alternate.

WHIC- Nov 18 - They discussed the refacing of the abutments on the bridge. FEMA authorized funds for 3 sides, WHIC recommends that all 6 sides be resurfaced. The MOA deadline was April 2009. Howard Burrows will contact Nadine Peterson to see if the deadline can be moved back since some new funding has appeared

Pending issues

- 1.Results of tests from the dam and from the Mill Pond should be in.
- 2.? Town Council voting for repair/removal of the dam
- 3.NHDHR is waiting for the Town to accept the nomination of the dam

Next regular meeting of the HDC is January 7, 2009

Crawford Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05p, seconded by Andrea Bodo.
Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Bodo
Secretary HDC/Heritage Commission