

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

**DURHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT /HERITAGE COMMISSION
JANUARY 7 , 2010
DURHAM TOWN HALL -COUNCIL CHAMBERS 7:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair , Crawford Mills
Secretary , Andrea Bodo
Planning Board Rep , Richard Ozenich
Erich Ingelfinger
Leslie Schwartz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Nick Isaak , Town Council Rep Peter Stanhope

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Mengers , Director of Parks & Recreation
Howard Burrows, co- chair of Wiswall Historic Interpretative Park Committee

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Mills called the meeting to order at 7: 05 pm.

II. Approval of minutes

from the October meeting by Crawford Mills, seconded by Andrea Bodo
Approval of minutes from December meeting....approved by Crawford Mills, seconded Leslie Schwartz
Leslie Schwartz suggested that the HDC/Heritage Commission officially have a slash put in its title and this was unanimously agreed upon.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Michael Mengers , Director of Parks & Recreation talked about his role as Director. He talked about the Mill Pond Festival scheduled for Saturday February 6 and invited the HDC/Heritage Commission to be involved. He and Andrea Bodo have been working on the plans and Andrea has invited the Heritage Commission to help with the Chili Cookoff in the Smith Family Chapel. She will communicate via email.

Howard Burrows, vice chair of Wiswall Historic Interpretative Park Committee spoke about the status of the projects up at the Wiswall Historic District. He was concerned with the process and felt that the Town should have alerted the Heritage Commission about the project. It was felt that the Heritage Commission should be officially involved in this since it is an official historic area of Durham that should be protected and promoted. The immediate concerns are the facings on the bridge abutments.
The Wiswall Memorandum of Agreement was signed by the Town in April 2009. The Wiswall Historic Interpretative Committee was formed in the Fall of 2009. Andrea Bodo will request Nick Isaak, chair send a letter to the Town Council to include the Commission in the process.

Eric Ingelfinger has a conflict for meeting on Thursdays and asked if the members could meet on another night. Eric made a motion to change the date of the HDC mtgs to the 1st Tuesday and seconded by Crawford Mills. It was agreed that the members could meet on the 1st Tuesdays of the month commencing February 2010.

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

C. MEDIA

Andrea submitted HISTORY OF THE OYSTER RIVER DAM, and a CD of HISTORY WALK 9.13.09 to Craig Stephens to be used on DCAT. It appears on Sunday nights at 8:00 p

She is also working with Dan Miner in his recording studio to do voice over for the CD's.

D. Wiswall Interpretative Committee – met December 16, 2009

Discussion of the status of the project was reviewed by Howard Burrows during his presentation.

E. 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 TUESDAY February 2, 2010

Crawford Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45p, seconded by Andrea Bodo.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Bodo
Secretary HDC/Heritage Commission

Minutes approved 10.7.2010