

These minutes were approved at the September 2, 2010 meeting.

DURHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT /HERITAGE COMMISSION
Tuesday MAY 4 , 2010
DURHAM TOWN HALL -COUNCIL CHAMBERS (we were without a key)
Met at 24 Newmarket Rd

MEMBERS PRESENT: Crawford Mills (vice chair outgoing), Leslie Schwartz (newly appted chair), Andrea Bodo (secretary), Henry Smith, Peter Stanhope (TC rep)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eric Ingelfinger and Planning Board rep

OTHERS PRESENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Mills called the meeting to order at 7: 25 pm.

II. Election of Officers

Secretary – Andrea Bodo	Andrea Bodo volunteered, Peter Stanhope seconded
Chair – Leslie Schwartz	Crawford Mills nominated, Andrea Bodo seconded
Vice chair – Henry Smith	nominated by Andrea Bodo , seconded by Peter Stanhope unanimous 4:1

There is no treasurer. Andrea Bodo will contact Gail Jablonski to find out the current status of HDC account.

II. Approval of minutes

Minutes of January were approved by Leslie Schwartz/seconded by Andrea Bodo
(This was later considered not acceptable by Right to Know attorney who said there must be a quorum of people to approve the minutes, and the quorum had to have attended the meeting for which the minutes were taken)

No meetings took place in February and March. Informal meeting took place in April between Crawford Mills, Peter Stanhope and Andrea Bodo with no issues being voted upon.

III. NEW BUSINESS

LCHIP

Andrea Bodo has registered for the LCHIP grant writing workshop June 16th in Concord at DES.
Copy sent to Todd Selig (applicant) and he has approved this.

NHDHR is having a brainstorming session in Portsmouth NH at the Discover Portsmouth Center May 17 4p-6p to develop the NH 5 year preservation plan. Leslie Sschwartz and Crawford Mills will try to attend

IV. OLD BUSINESS (reported by Andrea Bodo)

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.

Dave Cedarholm is working on a report for the Town Council meeting May 17.

B. OYSTER RIVER DAM

1.Core sampling of the concrete has been done under the supervision of Prof David Gress, UNH.
Results are back in January 2010. Dam is in good condition. Gates wall is not.

2.FUNDING –

- A. Rep Carol Shea Porter's Office is trying to put us on next round of earmarks funding.
- B. Monies are again available through LCHIP and will require someone attending a workshop for grant writing. Senator Amanda Merrill will help us.
- C. Bev Hollingsworth would work with Todd.
- D. Gov Lynch has asked Senator Shaheen's office for help
- E. Strafford Regional Planning would like to help us in some educational way. Cynthia Copeland.
- F. Rotary would like to help with some small gift.

3. The Dam will be 100 yrs old in 2013. Three Chimneys would like to plan a gala ball to celebrate and involve the Gundalow Company. They would like to open up the Gardens down to the Oyster River. There could be the possibility of an annual fundraiser to help with funds for repairing of the DAM.

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 appeared on DCAT for a few Sundays.

She also worked with Dan Miner in his recording studio to do voice over for the CD's. This project was completed and DCAT now has the narrated 20" version of the HISTORY OF THE OYSTER RIVER DAM which ran a couple of Sundays on DCAT.

D. Wiswall Interpretative Committee –

Bridge :

Audley has completed the 3d facing of the abutment for \$38k – site visit done, stonework veneer
The bridge is now installed
Bridge to be completed by the end of June 2010

Dam:

Stephens Engineering has done design of dam repairs and emergency spillway

Fish Ladder

March 16 – There was a PIM for the Dinel fish ladder with stone facing. Estimated completion Sept 2011
Fish ladder to be maintained by Durham DPW

Wiswall Park

The MOA has been extended to Nov 2010 for the historic panels
Estimated cost \$9500 for a 4 post panel with roof

Preservation Company now has a signed contract with Todd Selig.

Expansion of Wiswall Historic District

Howard Burrows has asked to extend the historic district of Wiswall to include Packers Falls. Andrea Bodo and Robbi Woodburn (Park and landscape designer) are working on a questionnaire to be sent to abutters. It will be presented before the Town Council for approval.

Curt McKail is doing research on the Wiswall Historic Site. They will involve Mike Mengers, Director of Parks and Rec since this is a recreation area for Durham.

E. SMITH CHAPEL

CHILI COOK OFF FROM THE WINTER FESTIVAL

Andrea worked with Mike Mengers Director of Parks and Recreation for the Winter Festival on the MillPond and organized a chili cookoff with 20 businesses and residents participating.

The public was asked to donate \$5.00/cup of chili to taste as many chilies as they liked. The total amount raised was \$1,521.00 with proceeds put in to the Smith Chapel Trust Fund for repairs.

Rev Michael Bradley of St George's Episcopal Church has expressed an interest in collaborating to help with the renovations of the Smith Chapel.

Andrea Bodo asked Susan MacLennan, master gardener to look in to the possibilities of creating a garden around the Chapel. Susan is going to work with Phyllis Bennett and will present a proposal to Mike Lynch for the fall of 2010.

F. Library Trustees Treasure Hunt for Memorial Day 2010

Andrea Bodo was invited to join the Committee to create the Treasure Hunt. There will be 10 historic locations visited. Andrea and the Karo family will set up tombstone rubbing projects at Schoolhouse Lane Cemetery for anyone who would like to do this. She has spoke with Mike Lynch about the state of the Cemetery and he said that even though it is in disrepair, it would be fine to have the public do tombstone rubbings. Craig Seymour is meeting with the Cemetery Committee 5/7 Friday afternoon for official approval.

G. EXETER GREAT DAM – Andrea Bodo and Steve Burns attended a Public info meeting to gather input for the GREAT DAM REMOVAL IMPACT STUDY.

H. Pending issues

Dave Cedarholm is writing a report and proposal for the Town Council May 17.

Next regular meeting of the HDC is TUESDAY June 3, 2010

Crawford Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32p, seconded by Andrea Bodo.
Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Bodo
Secretary HDC/Heritage Commission

Minutes approved 9.2.2010 HDC