

DURHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT /HERITAGE COMMISSION

Thursday December 2, 2010

DURHAM TOWN HALL -COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT, Henry Smith vice chair, Andrea Bodo secretary , Crawford Mills,
Peter Stanhope Town Council rep,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leslie Schwartz, chair, Erich Ingelfinger, Peter Wolfe Planning Board rep,

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Michaud National Register

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice chair Henry Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes :

Henry Smith made a motion to table the approval of October and November minutes until the end of the meeting.
Seconded by Andrea Bodo.

III. New Business

A. Report on conversation with Todd Selig regarding minutes

Henry Smith made a motion to table this discussion until Leslie Schwartz is available – seconded by Andrea Bodo

IV. Old Business

A. Smith Chapel

Peter Michaud from the National Register spoke about the National Register classification

To be considered eligible, a property must meet the National Register Criteria. This involves examining the property's age, integrity, and significance. Peter said the Smith Chapel definitely meets the criteria.

- National Register listing places no obligations on private property owners. There are no restrictions on the use, treatment, transfer, or disposition of private property.
- National Register listing does not lead to public acquisition or require public access.
- A property will not be listed if, for individual properties, the owner objects, or for districts, a majority of property owners object.
- National Register listing does not automatically invoke local historic district zoning or local landmark designation.

Listing the Smith Chapel on the NR -Mary Kate Ryan would be the resource for this application.

State Survey Coordinator Mary Kate Ryan at marykate.ryan@dcr.nh.gov or 603.271.6435

Certified Local Government

Durham is CLG. Peter suggests contacting Nadine Peterson to apply for a grant that will pay for the application to be done to put the Smith Chapel on the National Register.

Nadine Peterson, Preservation Planner, at Nadine.Peterson@dcr.nh.gov.

Grants from Mooseplate are available and do not require matching funds. Grants like LCHIP do. Presently there will be a moratorium on grant money for LCHIP this next biennium. Other grants are often based on the point system and Peter recommends getting DOE from NHDHR for the Smith Chapel at the same time as applying for NR status.

Stained Glass Windows

He also suggested contacting the NH Arts Council for help with the stained glass windows.

Cultural Conservation Grant Coordinator: Cassandra Erickson

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B. Status of correspondence/communications/recommendations with other Durham entities vis-a-via HDC/HC
----HC brochure, et al

Henry Smith made a motion to table item B. until Leslie Schwartz is available. Seconded by Andrea Bodo.

Reordered Agenda item II. Approval of Minutes :

October minutes - approved

November deferred (lack of quorum present)- *Leslie, Crawford, Andrea, Erich, Henry needed to vote*

C. Repairs to the Smith Chapel recommendation for the Town Council :

Andrea Bodo made a motion to have Councilor Peter Stanhope make a **recommendation to the Town Council That \$71k be bonded to address the immediate repairs of the Smith Chapel.**

Motion was seconded by Henry Smith and the vote was unanimous.

V. Adjournment

Peter Stanhope moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40p, seconded by Crawford Mills.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Bodo, Secretary HDC/Heritage Commission
12/3/2010

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED 4/7/2011

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF HDC is Thursday January 6, 2011