

DURHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT /HERITAGE COMMISSION
Thursday January 6, 2011
DURHAM TOWN HALL -COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT, Leslie Schwartz, chair, Henry Smith vice chair, Andrea Bodo secretary , , Peter Stanhope Town Council rep, Erich Ingelfinger, Peter Wolfe Planning Board rep,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Crawford Mills

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Christopher Mulligan (Bosen & Associates, Portsmouth) representing Matthew Crape

I. CALL TO ORDER 7:05p

II. Approval of Minutes :

November – minutes approved

December – deferred until next mtg (lack of quorum)

III. New Business

Attorney Mulligan represents 9-11 Madbury Rd and 6 Jenkins Court owned by Matthew Crape. 9-11 Madbury Rd is known as 9 Madbury Rd LLC. 6 Jenkins Court is known as 6 Jenkins LLC. They are in the process of applying to the Town Council for Community Revitalization Tax Relief pursuant to RSA 79-E.

The Commission was given a copy of the NHDHR applications for both properties, prepared by the Preservation Company of Kensington. They applicant is required to submit individual inventories and a letter to the Town Council from the Heritage Commission that “identifies any historical, cultural and architectural value of the structures that are proposed to be replaced and the property on which these structures are located.” RSA 79-E:4, I-a.

Councilor Stanhope and Planning Board Rep Peter Wolfe recused themselves since they have conflicts of interest.

After reviewing information presented and discussion, The Heritage Commission concludes that the properties at 9 and 11 Madbury Rd have no significant cultural, architectural or historic significance.

Eric moved that the chair draft a letter stating that the property at 9-11 Madbury has little or no historical, architectural or cultural significance . Andrea seconded it. Discussion after.

Commission member Henry Smith requests that the 1st draft be sent to HDC members and comments made. The final letter is to be submitted to Attorney Christopher Mulligan at Bosen & Associates and a copy to the TC chair. Eric moved to accept the motion, Leslie seconded. Vote was unanimous.

6 Jenkins Court (previously identified as 2-10 Jenkins Court) building has been removed.

Andrea moves that the chair draft a letter that states the property at 6 Jenkins Court had little or no historical, architectural or cultural significance and submit to Attorney Christopher Mulligan at Bosen & Associates and a copy to the TC chair. Leslie seconded. All in favor.

Since this is the first application for Tax Relief on a building , the Commission reserves the right to craft wording that would reflect the Commission’s guidelines in this process. Future applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis before being removed.

IV. Old Business

A. Report on discussion between Leslie Schwartz and Todd Selig re: Meeting Minutes

Leslie reported that minutes taken are posted by the Town and available for reading only.

B. Wiswall Fish Ladder Update

Design is done. MOA has been signed off on.

C. Report on Smith Chapel restoration process

1. Leslie met with Mike Lynch on Dec 23 to discuss restorations of the Chapel. She asked Eric to be there since he has the most expertise in construction. He was unable to attend.
Mike has selected contractors experienced in restoration to do the work, wood, masonry etc....
He and Leslie will try to present this info to the TC on January 23.

2. CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CLG GRANT UPDATE - Andrea spoke with Deborah Gagne, grant coordinator for NHDHR.

The process is selecting a consultant for the NR application and ask for a bid.

The CLG grant round will open in February or March.

The process starts with a letter of intent. The letter is to explain the project including the estimated cost for the NR nomination

http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/review/architectural_history_consultants.htm

HDC MUST use one of these consultants as the project is funded with federal money and that is their requirement. Andrea contacted Lynne Monroe 1/6/2011 at the Preservation Company in Kensington who is very familiar with Durham. She will review the info Andrea sent and get back to her with a bid to include in the Letter of Intent.

After NHDHR has received the Letter of Intent, Nadine, Peter and Deb will work with us .

The next step will be the formal grant application.

http://www.nh.gov/nh/programs/cert_loca_govt.html For National Register projects use the Priority I form. This type of project is 100% fundable without match.

D. MPAC Update

Survey of the Role of town entities

The Committee needs 2 questions from the HDC . The questions are to be very general .

i.e. How important is preserving Durham's history to you ?

How do you feel about expanding the historic districts and neighborhoods

Leslie needs the questions by jan 21st

Addendum:

Question to Peter Wolfe, Planning Board : "Where do we stand re a DESIGN GUIDELINE COMMITTEE ?

Peter said Jim is going to hire an intern to flush out and develop draft design guidelines

V. Adjournment

Andrea moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55p, seconded by Peter Wolf.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Bodo, Secretary HDC/Heritage Commission
1/6/2011

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF HDC is Thursday February 3, 2011

These minutes were approved February 3, 2011