

Weare Heritage Commission
November 23, 2011
Final minutes

Present: Chairperson Tanya Krajcik, Vice chair George Malette, John McCausland, Lee Marcroft, and Secretary Meg Malette.

Minutes, motion to approve by John and seconded by Lee for October 2011, as amended to correct spelling of Angela MacConkey and David Bell's names; all were in favor.

Action Items:

- Meg to look into getting circa dates of historical buildings in Weare from the assessor's office. This database can be sorted. Meg will go to the town assessor's office in December to sort through the lists of historical buildings. George talked about historical overlay maps and digital files that can be updated over time as we garner information to keep an accurate and accessible record.
- Poor Farm Forest Management Plan – Heritage Commission site walk: John suggested that the forester be given a copy of the Poor Farm brochure. Tanya said to state in an addendum that there should be a buffer of 25 feet around stonewalls, foundations and all historic sites, unless otherwise recommended by the Weare Heritage Commission. Tanya will prepare an email to the conservation commission, recommending that this information be added as an addendum to forest management plans. Tanya said that protocol in the archeological world recommends not removing vegetation from archeological sites with regard to trees growing in cellar holes and stonewalls.
- Changes in zoning ordinances: George is reviewing the historic zoning ordinances in town and state statutes to assist with composing a letter to the residents of the historic district overlays.
- Town Wide Survey – a Architectural historian does survey. Tanya can recommend an architectural historian. This professional assesses historic and cultural resources, areas of importance, themes. Volunteers can prioritize what is important in the town and help determine where we want to focus the survey. Professionals can also help to prioritize. Price ranges are \$5,000 to \$15,000. Weare's 2005 Master Plan was \$45,000. John said that the Emma Sawyer Trust Fund may be able to help with the cost. The Historical Society could also be asked to help with the cost. This survey is a today's version of old town histories. George said that the Historical Society is working on an 1888 pictorial history of the town. John suggests that coupling the survey with the 250th should be a goal. Will the commission begin pursuing the survey in lieu of becoming a CLG, especially with the 250th anniversary? Tanya said that she will bring town wide survey literature, about it, why a survey, and what they can expect as an outcome.

- John said that the Emma Sawyer Trust Fund will be issuing a grant for \$10,000 for work at Osborne Memorial Hall. This money will be given to the Weare Heritage Commission to be deposited into the Heritage Commission Fund. The Heritage Commission will then give the \$10,000 to the South Weare Improvement Society for work being done at Osborne Memorial Hall to help with long-term protection of the historic structure by managing water and moisture issues in the basement and pouring a new concrete floor.

Next meeting is on December 28, 2011.

Respectfully submitted, Meg Malette, secretary.