

Weare Heritage Commission Minutes
April 27, 2011
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Present: Chair, Tanya Kracjik; Vice-chair, George Malette and Secretary Meg Malette.

Excused: John McCausland

Minutes Approved for March 23, 2011. George made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Meg seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Tanya brought 2 CDs to view on heritage commissions. Meg will copy the cds and will be returned the originals to Tanya at the next meeting in May.

Sherry Burdick, the president of the Weare Historical Society, received assistance from Tanya in preparing an application for a Moose Plate Grant, which is a \$10,000 grant to help pay for a new roof for Clinton Grove Academy.

Make a Difference Day in October, a national event, which gets a lot of press. In Belmont, NH, Linda Frowley said they planted daffodils around historic properties in May. Perhaps, the Weare Heritage Commission may consider doing something special on this day as an outreach program.

At the wet basements workshop, which George presented in April, attracted some very interested people. George put posters around town, posted on the sign in front of the Town Hall, and on Channel 6. Meg was supposed to submit a press release to the media. If this was done, there may have been increased attendance.

The wet basement workshop was further discussed as to how to increase attendance. It could be part of a bigger event in town.

Preservation easements for barns – George suggested that the criteria be rewritten clearly to aid the board of selectmen in interpreting the intent of this easement. Tanya said that she will make inquiries to get information on real-life examples to assist the board of selectmen in making decisions on this easement when a resident applies for this barn easement.

List of historic properties and barns in Weare – John McCausland has volunteered to go to the Town Office Building and research historic buildings in Weare. If John is able to collect the historic buildings' addresses, a database can be developed for the Weare Heritage Commission to inform its occupants of upcoming events and other pertinent information in which the home owners might be interested.

George made a motion to nominate Tanya Kracjik as chairperson of the Heritage Commission for a term of one year. Meg seconded this nomination. All were in favor. Tanya abstained from the vote.

National Park Service developed guidelines to encourage sustainability for rehabilitating historic buildings.

George had some items to discuss:

George asked the board of selectmen to change the year of the terms of the Heritage Commission's members so that they are staggered to eliminate several members from expiring at the same time; they did.

Meg Malette was invited to attend a board of selectmen meeting to be voted in for another term as secretary on the Heritage Commission. The selectmen voted unanimously to approve Meg Malette for another term on the Heritage Commission.

An event, sponsored by the Weare Heritage Commission, can take place at Old Home Day in August. Perhaps several homes can be highlighted during this event to discuss their historical elements and meaning. Jim Garvin, the historical architect of the NHDHR, may be the perfect person to present at this event.

Doing historical surveys on their homes may be a good way to garner the interest of home owners to appreciate and preserve their historical homes.

The Heritage Commission will continue to expand community presence.

George made a motion to adjourn at 7 pm. Tanya seconded the motion.