

Weare Heritage Commission
DRAFT MINUTES
February 23, 2011

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Minutes Approved for November 30, 2010, as amended. George made the motion and John seconded the motion.

Minutes approved for January 26, 2011. John made the motion as written, and George seconded the motion.

Old Business:

Residents in Historic Districts write the wording in their Guidelines. Guidelines are not voted on or altered at Town Meeting. Guidelines should be a separate document from the zoning regulations. The zoning regulations should reference the historic district guidelines only.

The video presentation of the NHDHRs video, which was presented at the Belmont, NH, will be transferred to CD for the commission to view at the March meeting.

Tanya sent general letters of assistance to help the Weare Historic Society and the library in applying for any Moose Plate Grant. The library plans on applying for this grant to replace copper gutters.

Workshop: Managing Water and Moisture in Old Buildings on Friday, April 8, 2011, from 7 to 9 P.M. A press release will be submitted to the media, listed on the town television station, signs for poster boards around town, and on the sign in front on Town Hall.

A project was submitted to the commission to review because a historical resource may be affected. The project may affect a stone box culvert, which may be removed, on Route 49 in Weare. The commission discussed if this was historically significant. The commission agreed that there is no issue with removing this structure and is not archeologically significant. A driveway is being built over this culvert, which will not sustain a car's weight. Instead a bridge will be built in its place. George mentioned at the Weare Conservation Commission meeting that the stones from the culvert could be preserved and reused on the property.

A letter should be written to the NHDHR giving no objections to the removal of this culvert. John said that he will write the letter.

George passed out information on Preserving Historic Agricultural Structures, specifically qualifying structures and the assessed value for Preservation Easements. The more historically significant and the greater its agricultural use a barn has the more value is placed on its preservation. The commission has been asked to read this information for the next meeting. Preservation easements and some grant money for barn's historical and structural evaluations are available.

John suggested that Chip Meany be contacted to find out what kinds of data can be purged from the assessment records to help with the commission initiatives. He may be able to create a sorted list of properties that have historic barns.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:55pm.

Next meeting is on March 23, 2011, at 6 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Malette, Secretary