

Weare Heritage Commission
April 25, 2012
Final Minutes

Present: Vice Chair, George Malette; John McCausland, and Secretary Meg Malette.

Absent: Tanya Krajcik

Guests: Betty Straw and Heleen Kurk

Minutes: John made a motion to approve the March minutes as written, George seconded. All voted in favor.

Clinton Grove Moose plate grant application:

Heleen was disappointed that the Heritage Commission did not send a supporting letter for the grant this year. Last year the HC sent a letter. Why not this year? George said that he tried to get information on what work was being done on the Clinton Grove. The Heritage Commission needs to have all of the information about a project before they can support it. Heleen said that she received 100% support from the Selectmen and others in Weare. John said that there are separate projects going on in town, especially since SWIS is fixing up Osbourne Hall.

John isn't clear on where Clinton Grove is going. What will the outcome be, especially with regard to its use.

Heleen is very disappointed with the HC. John said that better communication is needed between groups. John said that we need more formal and orderly communication between the groups. John asked what we can do to improve this going forward.

George asked for details of the roof. Heleen said that 30 year architectural shingles were going to be used. George asked why 50 year or better shingles were not considered. Heleen said that they did not meet the Federal Historic Design standards. George asked what the estimate for the project was; Heleen said they had received an estimate of \$22,000.

Betty Straw gave the history of the Clinton Grove project. Historical Society has proprietary interest in Clinton Grove. Betty's dream has always been to fix it up and make it useful, at least in three seasons. She envisioned having it as an adjunct to the Historical Society as a museum. Also as a meeting place for quilters and artists. Walking tours of Clinton Grove would also occur. Historical Society purchased new window sashes that are almost a perfect match to the original. Drainage was fixed at the building by the Highway Department.

John asked what is the plan of next the steps? Heleen said the Historical Society received a grant from the NH Preservation Alliance that the Historical Society matched to have an architect do an assessment of Clinton Groove. There are people who are doing work on

the building “in kind.” Heleen, the money will come. Some people have made donations to the Historical Society for Clinton Grove.

When is the Moose Plate deadline? Heleen said it’s this Friday, April 27, 2012.

Betty said that she is also interested in fixing up the second floor of the Town Hall.

John asked what will be the estimated operating costs of Clinton Grove, after the work is done. Heleen said that she would like an endowment to pay for the operating costs of the building. Heleen said having weddings there will help pay for the operating costs of this building.

John said the HC should support the roof. Heleen’s other concern is that the project is going to take too long. John said the Historical Society needs to better inform the HC of projects when they need support. George said that it is the Heritage Commissions purpose to help to preserve and protect historical resources, with the \$10,000 Mooseplate Grant and \$12,000 to come from the \$50,000 already designated to Clinton Grove, he would recommend support of the grant to help to preserve and protect Clinton Grove.

John made a motion to approve the letter of support for the Moose Plate roof grant for Clinton Grove. George seconded the motion. All approved it.

John Lawton, the new selectmen ex-officio, arrived at 7 PM.

Members discussed changing the time of the meeting to 6:30 pm. Is this time okay with Tanya?

Next meeting is May, 23, 2012 @ 6pm.
Respectfully submitted, Meg Malette