

Weare Heritage Commission
February 28, 2012
Final Minutes

Present: Chairperson, Tanya Krajcik; Vice chairperson, George Malette; Lee Marcroft, and Secretary Meg Malette.

Minutes, a motion was made to approve the minutes of January 25, 2012 as amended, by Tanya and George seconded . All voted in favor.

Action Items:

- A motion was made by Meg and seconded by Lee “to expend \$10,000 from the Heritage Fund to be paid to the South Weare Improvement Society for work on Osborne Memorial Hall.” All voted in favor. A letter will be submitted to Tina Connor, Town of Weare, to expend the funds to the South Weare Improvement Society.
- In April Meg will look into getting dates of historical buildings in Weare from assessor’s office. This database can be sorted.
- Poor Farm – Recap of last month’s report on the Conservation Commission’s request of the Heritage Commission to utilize a GPS to locate historical structures. Tanya, who was not present at last month’s meeting, said she finds this acceptable. According to Tanya, the forester cannot stump trees (ground disturbance) surrounding cemeteries but can cut them.
- Changes to zoning ordinances: George is working on the letter.
- Town wide survey: George said that we are still discussing a town wide survey. NHDHR is working on a brochure that will include the definition and purpose of a Town Wide Survey.
- George shared information from the John Stark Scenic Byway meeting. Up to a six town joint venture on offering individual historic site or house surveys was discussed, sponsored by the John Stark Scenic Byway. Mary Kate of the Division of Historic Resources, as an alternative, suggested a State Register workshop. George will bring this information to the next Scenic Byway meeting in April. Web site: www.generalstarkscenicbyway.org
- Cemetery town tour, Goffstown is doing its tour this year. Weare is slated for 2014 in October for its cemetery tour with the John Stark Scenic Byway.
- Peaslee Road Bridge – is being replaced because of its condition. Based on the information garnered in an Individual Inventory Form, it is historically significant and meets the requirements for listing on both the State and National Register under Criterion C for its engineering significance.
The consensus of the Heritage Commission is not to recommend the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) document as mitigation but to pursue other options for mitigation. We will work on this at our next meeting, time is of the essence.
- Tanya said that she will bring HAER and HABS reports that are filed for projects in Weare.

- The Conservation Commission and Planning Board are being asked to approve the Piscataquog River Management Plan and Watershed Land Conservation Plan, which is the gathering of scientific data and maps of the river to aid in the maintenance of the river and its watershed. These reports were developed by the Southern NH Planning Commission. The Heritage Commission is very interested preserving and protecting the scenic, historic and cultural resources of and along the river, which are mentioned in these reports.
The consensus of the Heritage Commission is to recommend the approval of these two plans.
- Agricultural Commission is having an annual potluck dinner on March 10th, 5 to 8 PM. The speaker will talk about draft oxen and how they're used both historically and today.

Next meeting is March 28,2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Meg Malette, secretary