

Weare Heritage Commission
June 27, 2012
Draft Minutes

Present: Tanya Krajcik, Chair; George Malette, Vice Chair; John McCausland, John Lawton, Betty Straw, Alternate and Secretary Meg Malette.

Guest: John Flanders

John McCausland made a motion to approve the May minutes, George seconded, all voted in favor, minutes approved.

George Malette said that he would print the minutes for Betty to pick up from the Heritage Commission mailbox, at least a week prior to the monthly meetings. Betty does not have Internet.

At the presentation of "A Walk Back in Time: The Secret's of Cellar Holes" (sponsored by the Weare Library and Historical Society) Adair Mulligan stated that she's willing to share all the information/forms created with the Lyme, NH project. The WHC said that we would like to follow up on this information.

Jerry Little has offered to lead a site walk with WHC to the Cellar Holes on the Eastman Conservation Land. The WHC members suggest one of the first two Saturdays of August in the morning, whichever date and time works best for Jerry.

Clinton Grove Historic District: Selectmen have requested input from the WHC on Clinton Grove Academy proposal to renovate and reuse the building. The information the selectmen are looking for from the commission is input on this proposal.

John McCausland said that everyone in the commission should have a chance to review the assessment of the building, which was sent to the commission by Naomi Bolton hours before the June 27, 2012, meeting. Therefore, John McCausland is unsure if the commission can make a decision by the selectmen's July 9th meeting.

Since Betty is very familiar with the project, commission members asked Betty some questions on the proposal.

The commission's mission is to protect this historical building. The viability of the building is also a concern of the commission. Tanya said that with all the work being done on the building, will it still be eligible for the state historic register.

John McCausland shared his experience with building and running the function space at the Episcopal Church.

John Flanders, who is an abutter of Clinton Grove Academy, brought a photo album with photos of Clinton Grove Academy and the surrounding area. The photos were passed

around to the commission members to view. John Flanders appreciates the attention that the building is receiving. John and his wife, Jill, have composed a letter to the commission. The letter focuses on the historic detail of the building. John Flanders said that Clinton Grove Academy is a sacred place and is not in favor of the plan and its proposed use. Both will compromise this very special place. Once this change is done, you will never be able to bring it back.

The commission is formally invited to the July 9th selectmen's meeting. The abutters will be invited (hopefully all of the Historic District residents) to this meeting as well.

Commission members will be attending the July 9th selectmen's meeting to give them a status of our discussions.

Tanya will be preparing a digital copy of the Clinton Grove State Register Designation Document.

Tanya will be bringing forward the following issues at the selectmen's meeting:

- Will it meet the Secretary of the Interior Standards?
- Will it still be eligible for the State Historic Register status?
- Historic use of the building – will it keep the same use as in the past?
- Is the project compatible with the Historic District's: Area, Purpose and Intent?
- Will it affect the ability of the Historic District from getting Historic District State Register status?
- Are the Historic District guidelines being followed and who would oversee this?

The next meeting is Wednesday, July 25, 2012 new meeting time 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Meg Malette, Secretary