

Roxbury Historic District Commission

20 January 2010

Present: C. Haver, J. Huber, G. Miller, R. Stevenson, L. Turner, W. Walker; C. Raymond

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm.

The minutes of the 16 December meeting were accepted with corrections.

Firehouse: (J. Huber stepped down.) The HDC made a site visit to the firehouse on 14 January to look at the existing fixtures with spec sheets of the proposed new fixtures. Except for some missing glass, the fixtures were in good condition. And their scale and understated design was appropriate to the structure. W. Walker pointed out that the proposed fixtures have beveled glass that would be difficult to replace if broken. Since affordable maintenance is important, the present fixtures, once rewired and reglazed, would be the best option. G. Miller made a motion that the existing light fixtures be reglazed and rewired where necessary. R. Stevenson seconded. W. Walker called for a vote: Aye – Haver, Miller, Stevenson, Turner, Walker; Nay – none. The motion was carried unanimously. C. Haver provided the name and 'phone number of someone in Bethlehem who does this sort of work: Zbigniew Gajda, 203.266.7970.

Vacancy: W. Walker introduced C. Raymond to the HDC. He outlined his experience in historic preservation in New Milford: Zoning Commission for 12 years, president of New Milford Preservation Trust and years as a contractor. W. Walker gave him the handbook to review. C. Raymond expressed interest and W. Walker will speak to B. Henry.

Election of Officers: R. Stevenson nominated the slate: Chair – W. Walker; Vice-Chair – C. Haver; Clerk – G. Miller; Treasurer – J. Huber. L. Turner seconded. W. Walker called for a vote. The slate was passed unanimously.

Hat Shop - There have been several complaints about the number of vehicles parked on the Green in front of 7 Church Street. The HDC has no jurisdiction. But there are two unregistered vehicles at the property, one of which is not only on the Green but also in front of a neighbor's property. There is a Zoning Ordinance that relates to unregistered vehicles. The HDC agreed that a letter to the Zoning Commission is the best course of action. C. Haver will draft a letter.

Budget: B. Henry has requested that commissions hold down their budgets to last year's allotment. For the HDC, it is \$675 plus \$20,000 capital for barn book (down from \$30,000 last year). The HDC unanimously approved.

Roxbury Market: No word. W. Walker will e-mail R. Bermann, owner, again.

Barn survey: The HDC completed proofing and returned the material back to R. Carley. She is just about finished. She will provide disc and hard copy of survey and a disc of photos. Once that is submitted, we can close out this grant and apply for a matching grant for the barn book.

Barn book: J. Huber will use the material from the survey to create a mock-up of the proposed book. N. Talese will receive a working copy of the book for her to review. The grant that the HDC is applying for is matching: the town's financial input will be decreased by bills submitted by individuals, like N. Talese, for their donated time. J. Huber has estimated that \$20,000 would cover design, photography, etc. Over the summer, L. Turner will take photos of the farmers interviewed for the book. J. Huber will have a mock-up for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgette Miller

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Clerk

The next meeting of the HDC is:

Wednesday 17 February 7:30 pm Roxbury Town Hall