

The Heritage Commission's mission is to identify, preserve and protect the town's architectural and historical features in their settings, as well as its cultural and social heritage, for the benefit of future generations. This includes the view sheds, the natural resources and the ecological diversity formed by the Contoocook and Nubanusit rivers, their valleys and the upland slopes and mountains that sustain the spirit of this distinct community. The town's economic vitality cannot be separated from its historic and natural features.

To achieve these goals, the HC educates the public, works with private citizens, local boards, committees and state agencies to inform and protect Peterborough's special historical and cultural features.

HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR MAY 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm

In Attendance: Duffy Monahon (chair), Debby Kaiser, David Simpson, Sheila Kirkpatrick, Bob Duhaime

1. **Minutes.** Duffy and David suggested further corrections to the minutes of the April meeting. They were accepted as amended.

2. **Mariposa and Peterborough Historical Society NH State Inventory**

Duffy reported that Michelle Stahl is very interested in using Heritage Commission funds to put the Historical Society on the State Registry along with the Mariposa Museum. She will present the proposal at the PHS trustee's meeting and report back.

Duffy stated that Liz Hengen will not use up all the funds we have transferred on the Mariposa application, so we could apply the remainder to the Historical Society inventory. David inquired about her fee scale and emphasized the need for a detailed contract before going forward. Debby added that we should at least get an itemized list of the hours spent thus far, since we had no formal contract on the previous work. Liz has estimated it would cost between \$3500 and \$4500. **Duffy will have a letter.**

3. **Elm Tree Update.** Since the Trowbridge Tree Fund must be spent by the end of June, Duffy suggested that by joining the Elm Research Institute the HC could purchase four elms of varying heights for planting near the Armory. The small sum left over will be used to compensate for the labor of pruning the existing Elms on Elm St. and see how many the HC can purchase. We decided that we would put them on Elm St /the Armory. Duffy will send a letter to the Town informing of our plans.

4. **Preservation Company Inventory.** The Preservation Company (Lyn Monroe) has sent the Downtown Inventory for DOT, to Rodney Bartlett for review. The HC moved to send a formal letter to Rodney and Joyce McKay, DOT, and Elizabeth Mussey of NHDR, asking for a copy for the HC to review. We

are very grateful for this research that will be invaluable in our future work and may have great significance to our arguments regarding the Main St. Bridge. We agreed that it is imperative that the HC continued to be informed in a timely manner of all further movement in project so as not to be caught unprepared should the funding impasse be overcome and the present design proposal involving the rotary become the basis for further planning without revisiting the problems it would cause for the historic buildings at the site. David commented that the Library Trustees would also be interested in the findings of the inventory. Duffy added that she had recently discussed the project with the NH Commissioner of Transportation and will send him a copy of our presentation on the subject.

5. **Civil War Books.** Sheila presented a number of titles that we might consider for our gift to the Middle and High Schools on the Civil War. Dick Dunning of SMS has suggested the New York Times *Complete Civil War*. The group suggested the DVD set of the Ken Burns series. Bob will consult with Willard Williams at the Toadstool for further suggestions.
6. **Preservation Alliance Awards.** Duffy and Rick Monahan have received an award this year for their work in restoring the Newbury Center Meeting House. The HC looked at photos of the amazing project.
7. **Other business.** Marsha Morrow has expressed interest in joining the HC and will be invited to our next regular meeting. Because almost all the members will be unable to attend the regularly scheduled meeting in June, we will convene a brief meeting (24 hour notice to the town) to formulate a contract regarding Top 2. as soon as Liz Hengen submits a proposal.

The next scheduled meeting is July 14, 2011.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:00.