

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 FRIDAY, July 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm

In Attendance: Duffy Monahan (chair), Sheila Kirkpatrick, David Simpson, Mose Olenik

Minutes of June 1, 2011 approved as submitted.

This was a special meeting at Mose's house in anticipation of items needing attention before our regular meeting, the second Thursday of the month, July 14th.

GAR Hall consultation was requested by Carol Ogilvie, as an HC purview. It has become a heating & maintenance concern for the town, and currently without a tenant. It had been occupied by the Teen Center, no longer in operation due to budget cuts.

We debated whether to rent it out again or to sell. We decided to recommend selling, as the most economical move, however taking care to include a façade easement and finding a way to insure this easement continues in perpetuity with any subsequent sales of the property. All agreed this is a high profile gem of a building, needing care and preservation.

The HC would take responsibility for determining the requirements of any sale.

The Mariposa Museum reported their grant money was received and their State inventory, as well as the Historical Society's, was underway.

Duffy reported that the 5 elm trees had been purchased with the Trowbridge Tree funds and she would find locations on Elm St. to take care of the planting. The Trowbridge family will be acknowledged on the occasion.

The HC's position on the Library Bridge and proposed roundabout was reconfirmed, for our presentation at the DOT/DHR meeting scheduled for July 14th in Concord:

The inclusion of some of the consulting parties was questioned.

The impact of a roundabout on the heritage value of the location was not given adequate consideration.

Other remedies exist for traffic concerns at this intersection, including staggered release times for businesses, a temporary traffic light to test the traffic concerns, etc., remembering that traffic is heavy there only twice a day, for brief periods.

Duffy will contact DOT's C.R. Willeke, bureau of Planning and Community Assistance, and will prepare a history of the situation as a guide for him to aid us.

She will also contact the Sunapee Bank, as abutters to the construction project, for their input.

The Heritage Commission strongly believes that the village setting and the historic buildings at this location should be the primary concern for any new construction at the library bridge.

Meeting ended at 4:50.

Sheila Kirkpatrick, acting sec.

The meeting adjourned at 5pm.

Sheila Kirkpatrick, (acting) secretary