

## PETERBOROUGH HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Heritage Commission's mission is to identify, preserve and protect the architectural, historical, cultural, and social heritage, including historical landscapes, view sheds, building in their landscapes, the natural resources and the ecological diversity formed by the rivers, valley, and mountains, in order to sustain the spirit of the community and its economic vitality, for the benefit of future generations.

The commission proposes to do this by educating the public, working with private citizens, other local boards and committees, state agencies, assembling an inventory of those resources, for the proper recognition, use and protection of these special historical features to achieve our goals.

### **Minutes of meeting, September 15, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm

In Attendance: Duffy Monahan (chair), Sheila Kirkpatrick, Debby Kaiser, Dick Estes, Mose Olenik, Bob Duhaime

**1. The minutes** of the August 11 meeting were accepted.

**2. GAR Building** Duffy presented the documentation that led to the placement of the GAR Hall on the State Registry of Historic Places several years ago and reported that it would be eligible for the National Registry as well. The HC discussed the general information sent to us by the Preservation Alliance concerning Preservation Easements and their boilerplate easement document. Duffy and Sheila will go through the easement form and specify the details that the Commission suggests should be protected should the Town place an easement on the property. They will also create a document introducing the conditions of such easements in layman's language, and more specifically detailing what a prospective buyer of the GAR Hall can and cannot change, so that they know exactly what they would be purchasing. All this information will be compiled into a packet to be presented to the Town. Since establishing an easement with the Preservation Alliance usually requires a donation to their monitoring fund, Duffy suggested that we earmark the \$1000 remaining in our budget for that purpose.

**3. Roundabout Petitions** We continue to get new signatures against the roundabout proposal and now have over 500. Sheila will compile and review the signature lists. Bob Duhaime volunteered to continue to canvas for more signatures. Duffy will send our present tally in a letter to Jamie Sikora of NHDOT and one to the Ledger. We agreed that we still need an event (temporarily setting up stakes and bright tapes to mark the actual position, shape and size of the roundabout as proposed by Hoyle Tanner) to make the general public more aware of the impact of its footprint.

**5. Shaunessey/Blackmer house and barn** Following up on our efforts to make saving the historic barn an economically viable alternative for the owners, at Peg Shaunessey's request Duffy has arranged that David Squire and Rick Monahan could meet at the structure to discuss strategies to make the structure safe in the interim. Mose will call Peg to make a date. Duffy will get more information about ways to finance the repairs, thus making getting a mortgage less complicated for prospective buyers.

**6. Mariposa Museum on State Inventory** Using HC funds to pay for the expertise and filing of the Mariposa's application, the Mariposa/Old Baptist Church has been put on the state inventory of historic places. This status will help leverage add positive grants and funding for its projects, such as the much needed energy efficiency measures. Debby will present the expertise and the Determination of Eligibility to the Select Board at their next meeting (September 27). The HC hopes to begin the process together with the Historical Society to add its building to the state registry as well.

**7. Frye House** Sheila reported that despite failing to even apply for a demolition permit and comply with the review process, MCH had given permission (though vague about permitted scope) to the previous owners to remove "personal property". They have now removed not only woodwork and internal decoration but have taken the large granite stoop at the front door and the well head and various items we considered to be integral parts of the structure. We feel that the Town must clearly define what constitutes "demolition" and then in future act more effectively to insure that the demolition review process is followed by **all** homeowners. Duffy will send the letters on to the planning board, selectmen, Carol and Dario to ask for suggestions as to how to solve the problem. Perhaps Tom Weeks may also have suggestions. Bob Duhaime will speak with him.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:15

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