

Bedford Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of 09/06/2016

Present: J. Linz (Chair), D. Corey, L. Dunham, R. LeSchack, S. McDonald, D. Silverman
There is one vacancy on the Commission.

Also present: Katherine Shutkin (prospective member)

1. The regular meeting minutes of 08/16/2016 were moved, seconded and approved, 6-0.
2. Demolition Delay Bylaw –
 - 445 Concord Road – The owner, David Rossi, was present for the continued hearing. The owner had been considering various alternatives for either preserving or demolishing the residence. At the continued hearing, Mr. Rossi advised the Commission that after lengthy consideration he had decided to withdraw the Demolition Permit application. He also declined to investigate having an appraisal for a Preservation Restriction Easement on the property. It was voted, 6-0, to close the hearing without a finding.
 - 614 Springs Road - The residence located at 614 Springs Road, which was the subject of an Application for Review of a Structure Subject to the Demolition Delay Bylaw dated 08/23/2016, does not appear to meet any of the criteria for a “Significant Building” established at Section 57.2 of the Bylaw. It was voted, 6-0, that the building is Not Significant under the Demolition Delay Bylaw.
 - 392 The Great Road - The residence located at 392 The Great Road, which was the subject of an Application for Review received on 08/24/16 meets criteria for a “Significant Building” established at Section 57.2(d) of the Bylaw. It was voted, 6-0, that it is a Significant Building under the Bedford Demolition Delay Bylaw. A hearing to consider whether it should be Preferably Preserved will be scheduled for the HPC's October 3 meeting.
 - 158 Concord Road – The applicant Brian Collins was not present, and the hearing was continued to the HPC's October 3 meeting.
 - 186 Concord Road – The applicant Rene Meijer was not present, and the hearing was continued to the HPC's October 3 meeting.
3. Financial Report – The Commission's operating budget for FY 17 is \$1,307. Payment of an invoice for \$152.84 for legal ads was approved.
4. Old Burying Ground – DC has contacted DPW regarding two broken stones and reminded them regarding the failing portion of the stone wall along Springs Road..
5. Depot Park – Preservation work on the Passenger Depot has been completed.
6. Job Lane Farm Museum – SMcD reported that a memorial bench that was installed at the house in honor of Michael Cascio was dedicated. Pending DPW projects include a new Entrance sign and replacement of the large sign by North Road that is rotting. DC has contacted Facilities about the fire suppression system design and a larger water service, replacement of a window, handicapped access to the barn, and removal of 5-gallon pails from the basement.
7. Jenks Nature Trail – nothing new to report.

8. Shawsheen Cemetery – DS will contact DPW regarding remaining work on the Memorial Gates and other outstanding items.

9. House Plaques – nothing new to report. LD noted that the Wilson Mill sign opposite the Route 3 interchange exit is very worn and should be replaced. DC will check with DPW regarding replacement.

10. Town Museum – DC reported that he prepared a draft Request For Proposals (RFP) for the museum feasibility study and submitted it to Rick Reed. He was asked to check on its status.

11. Community Preservation Committee – A CPC meeting was scheduled for the following evening (09-07), and DC stated that he will raise the subject of use of Community Preservation funds for preservation restriction easements on private property. Other towns have used CPA funds on private property for this purpose, but Bedford has not done so to date.

12. Fawn Lake Study Committee – SMcD reported that a meeting is scheduled within a few weeks.

13. Old Business

– JL discussed the HPC and Town website links. Obsolete versions of the Demo Delay Bylaw have been removed and replaced with links to the current Bylaw. The Application for Determination, Bylaw summary, and Tax Incentive summary will be provided on the website.

- JL distributed a draft copy of the HPC's Annual Report. Comments were requested.

14. New Business

and was - Katherine Shutkin has been appointed to the HPC by the Board of Selectmen welcomed by the other members.

Potential - Revisions to the Demo Delay Bylaw at next Annual Meeting were discussed. changes include: Increasing the notification time after receipt of an application; Revising

the Significant definition to reference the current publication; Changing the cutoff from 1943; Changing the hearing continuation provision; and adding an Emergency Demolition provision.

- Lorrie Dunham has resigned from the Commission due to sale of her house and potential move. She was thanked for her valuable service over the years.

15. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2016, at 7:30 PM. The change in usual meeting night was necessary due to several members' schedule conflicts.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Corey, Clerk