

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING  
September 15, 2011 7:30 p.m. Selectmen's Room

Present: James Mercer, Chairman  
Barbara Syer, Secretary  
Dan Bailly  
Don Howe  
Craig Okerstrom-Lang  
Pat Ryan  
Holly Troiano  
Holly Hamer – Guest

MOTION: By Pat Ryan to accept April 21, 2011, and June 16, 2011 meeting minutes

SECOND: Don Howe

VOTE: Unanimous

Meetings of July 21, 2011, and August 18, 2011 were cancelled.

Guest Holly Hamer attended representing the Friends of the Library. She spoke about plans for a Children's Garden using money Margaret Whitfield had left to the Library for that purpose. It would be a fenced-in area at the back with a painted black steel fence from Pleasant Street over to driveway of Mr. Abrams with some plants and a structure for some shade. A percola is in future plans. Don Howe directed her to present exact plans and a picture if possible for the Public Hearing on October 20, 2011. This Commission would do a site visit 5:30 the night of October 20, 2011.

Continued Discussion on Housatonic Overlay District:

Chairman Mercer gave packets of B-Building Forms #0253-0271, historic buildings of Housatonic center, several forms concerning Waubeck Mills and Monument Mills and forms of local cemeteries. Chairman Mercer thought an "overlay district" might be more of a hindrance than a help. Don Howe felt there were two distinct districts – Main Street area and Mill Industrial area – maybe divide Shamrock's to Jack's, Corpus Christi to Aberdales. Decided a questionnaire and promotional information should be sent to those who might be in the areas, including tax credit information for businesses.  
Tabled to next meeting.

Paul Ivory letter to Selectmen.

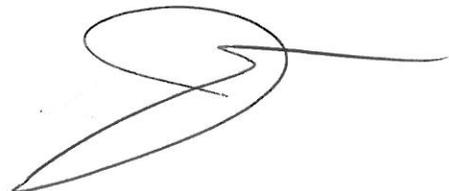
Don Howe felt strongly there should not be two buildings with two different owners on the same piece of land. This Commission should be advised by the Town of all tunnel work.

Maintenance of Town Hall porches: Bidders have not bid because they felt an architect's plans were needed and prevailing Town wages are high.

MOTION: By Holly Troiano to write a letter to Town Engineer Joe Sokul outlining the improvements and repairs that need to be done to the front and handicap entrances of the Town Hall.

SECOND: Pat Ryan

VOTE: Unanimous

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DISCUSSION OF GENERAL TOWN MAINTENANCE:

Annual maintenance is not being done on Winged Victory, front of the Town Hall marble bench landing pad, War Memorial, Newsboy statue, and the old Fire Station.

MOTION: By Don Howe to write a letter to the Board of Selectmen stating maintenance must be done on Town monuments and to reference his letter of March 27, 2006, as well as the Certificate of Hardship issued October 24, 2005, by this Commission.

SECOND: Dan Bailly

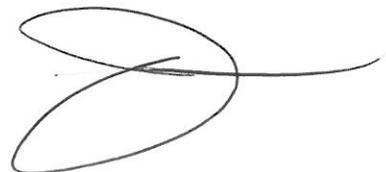
VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Pat Ryan

SECOND: Craig Okerstrom-Lang

VOTE: Unanimous

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

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