

Local Historic District Study Committee Meeting
4/13/10 5:30 pm
Second Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

PRESENT: Tini Sawicki, Phillip Shaver, James Wald, Lynda Faye, Bill Gillen, Wendy Kohler;
Nathaniel Malloy (Planning Dept.)

ABSENT: Jerry Guidera

The chairman being absent, the committee Voted Phil Shaver as the temporary chair.

Announcements and minutes:

1. It was noted by P. Shaver that J.Wald is now a selectman and may have to leave committee. Suggestions for new members included Betty Sharp, Jane Wald and Edith MacMullen.
2. Minutes of 03/09/2010 were reviewed and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED (5-0).

Old Business:

1. Per the last meeting, P. Shaver, J. Guidera and N. Malloy met with Jim Brassord, Director of Facilities at Amherst College. Jim's comments:
 - a. Concern about delays in permitting.
 - b. Would Amherst College need approval to remove a fence, which, if left standing will cost the college \$50,000 to maintain/replace (Hitchcock House)?
 - c. He also suggested that paint color control would be "excessive."
2. J. Tucker's report on Matilda Fowler Kendrick was found interesting and amusing. The district and committee are fortunate to have such good stories.
3. Timeline: Nate pointed out that the committee is about 1/3 thru the process. The committee agreed to complete the study process and present the local historic district rules & regulations and design guidelines at the Annual Town Meeting of spring 2011.
4. P. Shaver volunteered to markup the sample district bylaw for our review at the next meeting.
5. B. Gillen volunteered to take photos of the extension to the district. Today is possibly the last day before the leaves come out and the buildings can be seen.
6. Outreach was discussed. It was noted that other towns such as Nantucket, Acton, and Belchertown have local historic districts and any (good) news—photos, increased property values, citizen support—associated with these districts could be noted at our public hearing. It was thought that a newspaper release would be good. Wendy agreed to write a press release for our next meeting.
7. It was suggested that Massachusetts Historical Commission be informed of the committee's status. Nate said staff would do that.
8. Next meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2010, 5:30 p.m.. Lynda MOVED and Tini SECONDED that the meeting be adjourned and the committee UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,



William Gillen, Clerk
cc: Committee