

**Local Historic District Study Committee Meeting**  
**1/4/2012**  
**2nd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall**

PRESENT: Phillip Shaver, Wendy Kohler, Jerry Guidera (chair), Bill Gillen; Nathaniel Malloy  
(Planning Dept.)

Member of the public: Tom Ehrgood,

ABSENT: Lynda Faye, James Wald, Tini Sawicki

**1. Announcements and minutes:**

- A. No announcements.
- B. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without comment.
- C. Handouts: Agenda 1/4/2012, Local Historic District Study Committee Preliminary Study Report Checklist, Local Historic District Study Committee Preliminary Study Report January 2012, Minutes of meeting 12/6/2011.
- D. Tom Ehrgood distributed photographs of the Heterogeneous Proposed Dickinson Local Historic District dated Jan 4, 2012. The photos of all the buildings in the district were beautifully done. They also demonstrated that there are a few buildings without historic merit or, as often put, “noncontributing” structures.  
The committee thanked Tom for his work. The committee noted how few houses are noncontributing in the proposed district.

**2. Preliminary Study Report**

- A. Justification of boundaries. Jerry Guidera volunteered to add a note explaining that the committee did consider enlarging the district to include the Dickinson “meadow” which has many significant contributing structures; however, backed off in the interest of maintaining focus on a historic district commission rather than defining the boundaries of a district.
- B. Phil Shaver will describe that unlike other cities and towns, this historic area has not experienced any losses since the book, *Lost Amherst* published in 1980, stated that to date no architectural, cultural or historical structures have been lost.
- C. Summary Page: Wendy Kohler will be identified as “consultant to the Dickinson Museum and former member of the Amherst Planning Board.”
- D. The report will include three abbreviations: LHD (Local Historic District), MHC (Mass. Historic Commission) and DNHRD (Dickinson National Historic Registered District).
- E. Checklist, Inventory Forms: This is largely complete because it was prepared for the application to the DNHRD.

**3. Public Forum**

- A. It is expected that an outreach public hearing will be held in March.

**4. Town Meeting preparation**

- A. A letter will be mailed to all the property owners in the district to bring them up to date.
- B. The report will be emailed to town counsel.

**5. Next Meeting.**

A. Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at 5:00 pm. (not 5:30 p.m.).

**6. Public Comments**

A. Clarification of the enforcement officer need: The committee will ask Dave Ziomek and town counsel for guidance.

**7. Adjournment.**

A. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



William V. Gillen, Clerk  
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cc: LHDSC Committee  
Nate Malloy