

Local Historic District Study Committee Meeting
2/8/2011
Glass Room, Bangs Community Center

PRESENT: Jerry Guidera (Chair), Philip Shaver, Wendy Kohler, Tini Sawicki, Bill Gillen;
Member of the public: Tom Ehrgood
ABSENT: Lynda Faye, James Wald, Nathaniel Malloy (Planning Dept.)

1. Announcements and minutes:

- A. Phil Shaver announced that he will be giving the Mabel Loomis Todd address this Sat. at the Amherst Historical Society's Founder's Day Celebration at Jones Library at 2 p.m. He will also describe the workings to date of the LHD study committee.
- B. Jerry Guidera announced that the Garden Club will not permit the public outreach meeting to be held at the Garden Club. It was thought to be an expression of support.
- C. Handouts: Minutes of Jan 11 meeting; the Town of Amherst Design Review Board Handbook; MGL Ch 40C, Sec 4 ("An historic district study committee may be established in any city or town..."); the Agenda of meeting 2/8/11.
- D. Minutes of 1/11/2011 were approved by unanimous vote.
- E. Public comments: Tom Ehrgood commented that he thought it very important to talk with staff and especially with Building Commissioner Bonnie Weeks about the proposed rules and regs and Bonnie's reaction to this additional responsibility. Those present agreed.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of design guidelines was put off until Nate is back.
- B. Discussion of Item 5A, LHD administration and historic commission: Phil Shaver questioned whether the administration of the local historic district commission could be the work of the historic commission? The committee would like staff reaction as to whether a separate entity needs to be set up for the Amherst Local Historic District or whether it could be administered by an existing Town entity.
- C. The committee feels that without this advice questions related to administration cannot be answered at a public forum. We will put off the forum until after two or three meetings. Jerry Guidera proposed that we have two March meetings: March 8 and March 29. By then we should have some more feedback regarding the rules and regs and from the historic commission and staff regarding their possible joint roles.
- D. Meeting was adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



William V. Gillen, Clerk
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cc: Committee
Nate Malloy