

Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes  
Londonderry, New Hampshire  
November 11, 2010

In attendance: Chairman Commissioner Arthur Rugg, Vice-Chairman Jim Schwalbe, Commissioners Tom Bianchi, David Colglazier, Sue Joudrey, Alternate Commissioners Janet Cichocki and Martin Srugis.

Absent: Councilor Sean O'Keefe and Town Planner Tim Thompson.

Chairman Rugg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Moose Hill Meeting Room of the Town Hall.

Chairman Rugg asked for a moment of silence in respect and remembrance of Commissioner John Dahlfred who passed away on October 1, 2010.

After that period of silence the Commissioners talked briefly about John's passing, many of the things that he had done on the Commission, his role with the historical society and his great interest in historic preservation. He will be missed.

Chairman Rugg appointed Alternate Commissioner Martin Srugis to vote for the now vacant Commission position.

Commissioners Schwalbe moved and Joudrey seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2010 as corrected and submitted prior to this meeting. The motion passed 5-0-1. Chairman Rugg abstained since he was absent from the September meeting.

Chairman Rugg announced that the design review scheduled for Londonderry Land Development (LLC) was being rescheduled for the January meeting of the Commission. The applicant wants to build a 3-4 store mini-mall near I-93 exit 5.

Commissioner Colglazier reported that he would like to proceed with a meeting of the several parties involved with the development of legislation to permit towns to vote to accept rules that would allow for the reduction of the assessments for local historic structures. Commissioners Dahlfred and Colglazier had been working with some state and private agencies that are interested in seeing such legislation passed. Colglazier said that at this time there was a need for a general meeting with the parties involved to move things along, as they had not all met together before. Chairman Rugg said that he would provide a list of names and e-mails for the people that he knew. Colglazier will plan a meeting for January 2011 in Londonderry on a weeknight to be determined.

Commissioner Colglazier noted that one of the problems with the legislation is finding a uniform method for judging historic structures that can be used by the local governments. All local governments do not have people with some expertise in judging the quality of historic structures. So, guidelines need to be developed that can be uniformly used locally throughout the state.

Chairman Rugg noted that there had been some tree clearing in the Town Forest around the Common. He noted that one area south of the common had been cleared contrary to the permit and is a violation of the permit and that there was some stonewall damage in the process. Another area to the west of the common had been cleared a bit more than was anticipated. Mr. Rugg said that he would contact the Conservation Commission to see what remedies might be available to try to correct and or improve the situation as it now stands. If nothing else he hoped for stonewall repair and that the other area might be improved enough for limited automobile parking in the cleared space.

Commissioner Rugg noted that he thought that the bandstand repair work at the Common was carried out well. He said that the contractor had also repaired some of the picnic tables at that location.

Chairman Rugg asked Martin Srugis to fill the vacant position on the Commission since he had been on the Commission as an alternate longer than the other alternate. Mr. Srugis was amenable to filling the vacancy. Mr. Srugis was asked to make an application to and for appointment by the Town Council to this position. Mr. Rugg noted that Mr. Srugis would have to appear before the Town Council to submit to their questions as part of the appointment process.

Vice-Chairman Schwalbe brought up the subject of the proposed work on a sewer line that might affect the ruins of the Cohas Spring bottling plant, spring and watercourses. This work was reviewed at the last Commission meeting, but Chairman Rugg was absent. Mr. Rugg was informed of the situation so that he could be aware of the Commission's interest in the proposed work so that historic evidence might be preserved.

Commissioners Schwalbe moved and Srugis seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion approved 6-0-0 at 7:50 PM.

After the adjournment a James Butler indicated interest in joining the Commission. He spoke for several minutes about his experience in the construction of buildings. He said that he would like to make a presentation to the Commission about New England building types of common materials used for structures. Chairman Rugg suggested that he make an application to the Town Council for appointment to the Commission as an alternate.

David Lee Colglazier  
Secretary