



Thursday, February 05, 2026

Community Development Department Conference Room, 7:00PM

Present: Peter Griffin (Regular - Chair), Renee Mallet (Regular - Vice Chair), Lee Merrill (Alternate), Heath Partington (BOS Liaison), Derek Saffie (Regular - Secretary)

The meeting opened at 7:00PM.

Mark Wimmer would like to rename the Conservation Commission's Ashton Park with a more historically relevant name. He suggested Gregg or Noyes, as both families have historically lived in the area. The HDC/HC will do some more research and provide Mr. Wimmer with a recommendation.

Mr. Saffie has not received any response from Jackson Calderara for an update on the Fessenden Mill site kiosk. Mr. Wimmer will try to get in touch with his mentor.

Mr. Wimmer and Scott Johnson shared that the area around the cellar hole at the Fessenden Mill site will be fenced. The Conservation Commission is in the process of obtaining estimates.

Ms. Merrill shared updates on the planning for the 250th. There have not been any updates on the reenactment. A tentative schedule of events has been completed and she will be working on a flyer style calendar. Cheryl Haas will be updating the town website with the event schedule.

Mr. Griffin reached out to the Presbyterian Church and St. Matthew's Church. Ms. Merrill will set up meetings with the pastors of both the Presbyterian and NorthRidge churches. Mr. Griffin will follow-up with the Heritage Baptist Church.

Mr. Saffie will have an update on the number of remaining historic barns for the next meeting.

Ms. Mallet motioned to approve the minutes of the January 15th meeting; seconded by Ms. Merrill; 4 - 0.

The meeting concluded with a workshop for long term planning.

There was discussion of the previously proposed Governor Dinsmoor Pocket Park on the one acre parcel at the Governor Dinsmoor plaque. A separate committee may be formed to drive the effort of fundraising and building the park.

Ms. Mallet suggested a focus on community outreach to make the work of the HDC/HC more accessible. Ideas included a brochure highlighting the historic districts and a table at town events, like elections. Ms. Mallet volunteered to create the brochure and order a table runner. There was a consensus to have an HDC/HC table at the March election.

Mr. Saffie proposed updating the HCRL. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

There was discussion of using historic photos of Windham in a poster to display on election day.

Mr. Partington would like the HDC/HC to have input in any discussion around updating or expanding the use of the upstairs space at Town Hall.



Ms. Mallet motioned to adjourn at 8:09PM; seconded by Mr. Saffie, 4 - 0.

Respectfully submitted by Derek Saffie, Secretary.

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