



OLD VALUES - NEW HORIZONS

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Minutes From February 3, 2022 Meeting

Present: Carol Pynn, Peter Griffin, Frank Farmer, Renee Mallet, Wendy Williams, Brad Dinsmore
Heath Partington

Excused: Derek Saffie, Zafar Farooqi

Guest: Peter Gumaskas

Meeting opened 7:02 pm

Alternate Frank Farmer was seated for regular member Derek Saffie who was excused.

Wendy Williams read excerpts of the request of support from Conservation Commission Chair Dave Curto. Brief discussion. Peter Griffin motioned for the HDCHC to support warrant article 4 regarding funding for conservation land purchases. Renee Mallet second. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Carol Pynn will write the letter of support and submit to Windham Independent by Tuesday.

Wendy Williams read the suggested wording for warrant article 17 provided by Town Attorney and Town Administrator. Heath Partington discussed concern about wording. Carol Pynn made a motion for Wendy Williams to present this revised wording at the deliberative session on February 12, 2022. Renee Mallet second. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Wendy Williams read through the suggested process from Town Administrator regarding restoration and maintenance efforts for Town Hall.

March - Town Hall Assessment draft created by Steve Bedard and Mae Williams needs to be reviewed with the General Services Director for edits.

April - Steve and Mae revise as needed for final report.

May - HDC presents report findings and recommendations to the BOS and request BOS support to move forward with the project to submit for CIP Request, and LCHIP grant application.

June/July - HDC and General Services Director attain budget estimates for project components.

August deadline - HDC and General Services Director submit application for funding to CI Committee.

Wendy Williams forwarded email with Town Hall Assessment link to pdf to HDC members.

Renee Mallet gave update on Planning Board. 5 Bissell Camp plan was denied. There is a warrant article for \$50k for Master Plan.

Carol Pynn gave TRC update and there were no historic comments for recent TRC meetings. Karl Dubay had discussed the potential relocation of the cabin a TRC meeting.

Peter Griffin gave DRC update and they will be meeting in a couple weeks regarding the plan that includes the historic cabin near the town center. Question if the cabin can be moved safely.

Peter Griffin provided update that Indian Rock Historic District warrant article is #8.

Frank Farmer gave update on the signs order from Seewa. There was some confusion regarding payments checks which is resolved now and the hope is both signs will be arriving in the Spring.

Peter Gumaskas discussed Searles culverts and Rail Trail culverts, cellar holes and 88 Range Road for photographing.

Peter Griffin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 2, 2021. Renee Mallet second. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Renee Mallet made a motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2021. Peter Griffin second. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Round Table Discussion:

Renee Mallet discussed committee binders and need to reduce the number of columns in the HCRL to make it printable.

Peter Gumaskas discussed railway culvert email from 2021 and photographic opportunities. Wendy Williams to attempt to reach property owner of 88 Range Road to receive permission to photograph the structure.

Wendy Williams asked members to think about future Historic Districts.

Motion to adjourn by Carol Pynn, second by Frank Farmer, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm

Minutes taken by Wendy Williams – HDC Chair
