



Thursday, May 5, 2022

Community Development Department Conference Room, 7:00PM

Present: Brad Dinsmore (Alternate), Frank Farmer (Alternate), Peter Griffin (Regular), Renee Mallett (Regular), Carol Pynn (Regular), Derek Saffie (Regular), Wendy Williams (Regular)

Wendy Williams opened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Dennis Senibaldi submitted an "Application for Historic District Certificate" for repair work on the exterior of the Senior Center. Following a site walk to better understand the location of the work, Peter Griffin made a motion to approve the certificate; seconded by Renee Mallett, 5 - 0.

Wendy Williams contacted Steve Bedard asking his opinion of the condition of the Town Hall's 1798 Palladium window. Mr. Bedard indicated he had no particular concerns about the window.

Brad Dinsmore provided a summary of his conversation with Jennifer Goodman regarding the Town Hall's eligibility for an LCHIP grant. Ms. Goodman informed him that LCHIP grants are not intended to be funds for neglected maintenance and would not cover replacement of the siding. In general, repair and restoration are strongly preferred over replacement of historic materials. Steve Bedard may be able to provide more details on how restoration decisions will affect eligibility for an LCHIP grant.

After discussion, it was decided the regular June 2nd meeting will be a public hearing for the Committee to present plans for the Town Hall restoration project and receive input from residents. Renee Mallett made a motion to move the discussion of the Town Hall restoration to a public hearing on June 2nd, 2022; seconded by Derek Saffie, 5 - 0. Wendy Williams will upload relevant materials to a publicly accessible folder on the Town website at least a week prior to the public hearing.

Wendy Williams has submitted a \$188,000 request for ARPA funds to the Board of Selectmen. She will attend their June meeting to present the Committee's request.

Dennis Senibaldi is in the process of receiving an estimate for the cost of replacing the Town Hall siding in cedar. He is also arranging for a paint chip analysis.

Wendy Williams received an alternative paint recommendation for the Town Hall. As an alternative to the procedure outlined in his initial assessment, Steve Bedard also recommended scraping the clapboards, priming with alkyd primer, then painting with at least one coat of Sherwin Williams Duration Paint.

Carol Pynn has not yet scheduled a walkthrough of 88 Range Road. She will work with Frank Farmer to coordinate with Peter Gumaskas and Kelly McLaughlin to record the visit with photographs and video. The Committee will be informed of the chosen date and time.

There have been two TRC meetings held since the Committee's April meeting. Carol Pynn had no comments on any lots that are on the HCRL, but did express concern regarding lot 16-Q-179 which fronts Cobbetts Pond. Ms. Pynn was concerned that building upon the site could negatively impact the pond, which was identified as a historic resource.

Peter Griffin asked for clarification as to how a historic resource is defined, specifically in regard to if a pond could or should be designated as a historic resource.

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Brad Dinsmore volunteered to provide lot numbers for cabin(s) on Cobbetts Pond which are not currently on the HCRL.

Peter Griffin informed the Committee of an event held by the African American Subcommittee that will take place on May 14th at 11AM at Golden Brook School. The event will be recorded by WCTV.

Peter Griffin informed the Committee that the contract for the restoration of portions of Governor Dinsmore wall has been awarded to Corbin Masonry. Corbin Masonry plans to begin work in approximately five weeks. Additionally, Mr. Griffin suggested including a small plaque indicating the wall was constructed by Edward Francis Searles. Renee Mallett made a motion to direct Peter Griffin to request estimates for an Edward Francis Searles plaque for the Governor Dinsmore wall; second Carol Pynn, 5 - 0.

Frank Farmer has not yet spoken with the Superintendent of Schools regarding the placement of a sign for the London Bridge Causeway on school property. He will follow-up before the July meeting.

The State has sent the deed for the Indian Rock property to the town administrator, but the two options to accept the deed, per Attorney Campbell, are to hold a special town meeting or have the deed accepted by the Conservation Commission. Wendy Williams questioned if the Committee could accept the deed. Peter Griffin will confirm this with Attorney Campbell, and verify the Committee is aware of all options to accept the deed.

Peter Griffin has started identifying people to assist with planning the park at Indian Rock Historic District.

Wendy Williams confirmed the Committee is allowed to sell only the Nutfield medals at the upcoming Strawberry Fest. Derek Saffie will work with Al Letizio to confirm what is needed for the '38 Hurricane Log project display, and if the display needs to be indoors.

Wendy Williams provided a quick overview of 2022 budget allocations. Of the \$2,500 budgeted for signage, the Indian Rock and Governor Dinsmore Historic District signs have already been paid for. There is \$1,500 budgeted for the Strawberry Fest; \$3,000 budgeted for historic contractors; \$300 budgeted for office supplies. Of the \$200 budgeted for subscriptions, only \$60 has been expended for the renewal of an annual subscription to the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance newsletter.

Peter Griffin made a motion to renew the annual subscription to the newsletter of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance; seconded by Renee Mallett, 5 - 0.

During the Round Table, Renee Mallett informed the Committee of a recent modification in plans for the Village Center District, which removed a small public park. The removal was due to abutter concerns for proper setback.

Carol Pynn made a motion to adjourn at 8:40PM; seconded by Derek Saffie, 5 - 0.

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