



**Thursday, November 3, 2022**

**Community Development Department Conference Room, 7:00PM**

Present: Frank Farmer (Alternate), Peter Griffin (Regular), Peter Gumaskas (Alternate - Seated for Wendy Williams), Renee Mallett (Regular), Carol Pynn (Regular), Derek Saffie (Regular)

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Ms. Mallett opened the meeting with a TRC update. There was discussion of two properties: 202 Range Road and another on Libbey Road. 202 Range Road is on the Historic Cultural Resource List as a site, but with no notes of what remained at the site. According to the property owner there are remnants of a stone foundation.

Mr. Gumaskas asked if there is an opportunity to metal detect at the property on Libbey Road. The Commission will ask Karl Dubay, as representative of the property owner, if the Commission may document and metal detect at the site.

Mr. Griffin had no DRC report.

Mr. Griffin had no Town Center Beautification report.

Mr. Farmer suggested waiting to install the historic district signs at the Governor Dinsmore Wall and Indian Rock until the sites have been cleaned up.

Mr. Farmer reported there are approximately 200 Nutfield 300th medals left, but he does not believe there will be many more opportunities to sell them. Mr. Saffie suggested donating the remainder of the medals to the Museum Trustees. Mr. Griffin made a motion to transfer the balance of the Windham Nutfield 300th medals to the Museum Trustees, for them do with as they see fit; seconded by Ms. Mallett, 3 - 0 (Mr. Saffie and Ms. Pynn abstained from the vote as Museum Trustees).

Mr. Griffin gave an update on a site walk at the London Bridge Causeway with representatives of the school department. The school department was enthusiastic about clearing brush near the Causeway and making the site more accessible. The school groundskeeper was unaware the site was on school property, but will be maintaining it in the future. Chris Sullivan has an interest in working on landscape design for the site.

Mr. Griffin received an estimate of \$185 to clean the marble benches at the London Bridge Causeway. Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve \$185 for the cleaning of the Letizio benches at the London Bridge Causeway; seconded by Mr. Saffie, 5 - 0.

Ms. Mallett provided a master plan update. The master plan steering committee reviewed the submitted chapter and provided feedback. Their only ask to the Commission was a map showing the locations of the historic districts.

Mr. Farmer, representing American Legion Post 109, informed the Commission that the Post would like to move the Desert Storm sign board from the kiosk in front of Town Hall to the Post. This will leave one side of the kiosk available for another history board.

Mr. Griffin opened discussion of creating a pocket park at the Governor Dinsmore Wall Historic District. He had discussed the project with Chris Sullivan, who asked for ideas to include in a conceptual plan. Suggestions included benches, picnic tables under a pavilion, bicycle rack, and a history board. Mr. Gumaskas suggested a

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gravel pull-off to accommodate a few cars. There was also discussion of maintenance and who would be responsible for the maintenance of the pocket park.

Mr. Griffin has been in discussions with the Conservation Commission regarding Clyde Pond. Chris Sullivan is willing to draw up a plan to improve access and signage. Brad Dinsmore provided Mr. Griffin with the history of the Clyde family.

Mr. Griffin informed the Commission that the Cemetery Trustees are not interested in proceeding with a plaque at Garaphelia Sylva.

Ms. Mallett reported that there has been no decision on ARPA funding for the Town Hall project, but the project has been excluded from CIP. She suggested drafting a warrant article to fund the siding and restoration. Ms. Mallett will reach out to Heath Partington for an update on the Board of Selectmen's thoughts on the project. Mr. Griffin suggested funding the project over several years.

The Commission discussed the 2023 budget. There is \$9,870 for 2022; this includes the funds already allocated for the Edward Searles plaque and the Letizio bench cleaning.

There was a consensus for expending up to \$500 for photography supplies.

Ms. Mallett suggested creating a brochure promoting the historic districts; she will get a quote.

Mr. Farmer asked the Commission for their thoughts on funding the repainting of the caboose and replacing the freight house deck railing. He will get an estimate.

Ms. Pynn opened discussion of the "Bowery Brae" cabin. There was discussion of what could possibly be done with the log cabin if it was relocated.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to adjourn at 9:21PM; seconded by Mr. Saffie, 5 - 0.

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