

Minutes of The Heritage Committee Meeting  
Sept. 15, 2009 – Town Hall – 7 p.m.

Members present: William Hansen, Jack Quinn, Ray Wilcox, Arnie Magid, and Town Planner, Bill Hawkins  
Absent: J.Banks, C.Kuras, M.Winne, W.Moncrief

Chairman Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.  
The minutes of the June 11, 2009 Special Meeting were approved.

Open Space Subcommittee - Mr. Wilcox reported he has succeeded in getting several of the Town Open Spaces, i.e. Roesburg, McKinnon properties and others, and Stoney Brook Park mowed.

Commercial Space Subcommittee - Mr. Hansen asked the Town Planner for an update. Mr. Hawkins reported a new tenant at the Lauren building, Mountain Road and Fflyer Place. Mr. Hansen reported a Design Review Board meeting which approved the repainting of Dunkin Donuts sign; it is the same sign, with the new corporate colors, slightly muted than before. The Design Review Board also approved the new plan, of the E. Roy building; it is now a one story building. It had been approved for a two story building. Mr. Roy has named the new building, the Great River Building. We should have a discussion at the next meeting, to see if there are any funds to help owners convert their signs to external lit signs. \*Agenda item". We should send letters out to landowners and business owners to let them know that there is a process and a Design Review Board which has requirements, and offer to help guide them through the process and procedure. This would just be an informational letter, offering them guidance. This would only apply to the Town Village District and the West Suffield Village District.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Wilcox stated we had not met; little activity.

Signs – Mr. Hansen reported he will be installing the last 4 Farm Preservation signs this weekend. He will be painting all the existing signs. The new Stoney Brook sign will be completed very soon. Mr. Hansen will bring drafts of two letters to be sent out to businesses and prospective sign applicants informing them of the Design Review Board and its process and procedures, and offering guidance to the next meeting. \* Agenda item".

New Business – The new meeting date of the third Tuesday is acceptable and confirmed. Mr. Hawkins reported the progress of the updated Plan of Conservation and Development. July 1, 2010 is the deadline from the State for submittal. Two public workshops will be held in October and November. He has been going through the text, and updating the text. After the workshops, all data will be incorporated into the revised document. The process is on target. Mr. Wilcox stated that this document should address future issues, such as windmills, cell towers, hydroelectric processes, etc.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct.20, 2009.

Agenda Items for the next meeting: discussion of internal/external lit signs, letters to landowners and business people, informing them of the Design Review Board, its procedures and processes, and offering guidance, and discussion on a review of the Design Review Board process and procedures.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary

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