

Minutes of the Heritage Committee  
Jan. 15, 2009 – Town Hall – 7 p.m.

Members present: William Hansen, Janet Banks, Ray Wilcox, Arnie Magid, Mark Winne and EDC Director Patrick McMahon

Absent: J. Quinn, C. Kuras, W. Moncrief

Chairman Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the Dec. 18, 2008 meeting were voted approved.

Open Space Subcommittee – Mr. Wilcox reported that a Farmland Preservation application (40 acres, Spruce and North Grand, southeast corner.) will be presented to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, seeking approval to submit. Mr. Wilcox stated that he had been before ACCE and had requested \$500,000 for Open Space program.

Commercial Subcommittee – The HC reviewed plans for 218 Mountain Road. This will be a large office building. It was noted that 218 Mountain Road goes before the Design Review Board Jan. 21.

Bridge Street School Study Committee – Janet Banks reported that the final report has been written, and will be presented to the Board of Selectmen at their Jan. 21. meeting. The Committee did a thorough and detailed study of all options.

Calvary Church/Senior Center – Mr. McMahon noted the renovation of this building will be the Permanent Building Commission's charge. The building is being prepared for the asbestos abatement process. The search for an architect is ongoing. The Capital Campaign for the new Senior Center has begun. He distributed a list denoting gifting opportunities. The Town has submitted an application to the Hartford Foundation for Giving for \$200,000. The application is under review, and the grant awards are expected in 60 days.

Zoning and Planning Commission update – Mr. Winne noted that the Steering Committee for Plan of Conservation Development has been named. The Commission is trying to decide whether to outsource the Report or do it in house. The Revision of the Report may be funded by the LoCIP grant.

Signs – Approximately 5 more Preserved Farmland Signs are needed. Mr. Magid suggested that a map be prepared noting the location of all Preserved Farmland in Suffield.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary

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