

Minutes of the Heritage Committee
April 16.2009

Members present: William Hansen, Janet Banks, William Moncrief, Chet Kuras
Absent: M. Winne, J. Quinn, A. Magid, R. Wilcox, EDC Director P. McMahon

Chairman William Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Citizen Comment: None

Open Space Subcommittee – By written report, Mr. McMahon noted: The Town has approved the Olson Conservation easement. The survey will commence. The Boards of Selectmen and Finance have approved the purchase of the development rights of 165 +/- of River Bend property, (Phelps & Quarry Roads). This will go to Town Meeting. The initial budget request for Open Space was \$500,000. The BOS reduced this to \$400,000 and the Board of Finance reduced to \$150,000. We really need to work to get the funding back to \$250,000.

He also reported that the Town has selected Schoenhardt Architects of Tariffville for the Senior Center Design.

Commercial Subcommittee – no report

POCD – The Town Planner Bill Hawkins sent HC members, copies of his Progress Update – POCD, a memo sent to the Zoning & Planning Commission. He noted that he will be updating sections at a time while incorporating information received from different boards and commission. Once a section is drafted, it will be brought before Zoning and Planning for their review. He has changed the format, and the layout will be different.

Zoning and Planning Commission – Mr. Kuras reviewed recent actions and applications before the Commission. The HC feels that this information is very helpful, and it is a good thing for boards/commissions to share what their commissions are doing.

New Business:

The Heritage Committee discussed its past projects and successes, and decided that it would be very good to have guests invited from other boards/commissions to come and speak at their meetings. The HC discussed future goals and plans. After a discussion, the Secretary was directed to contact the HC members regarding the feasibility of a new meeting day for the HC meetings. A change would make it easier for members to plan their calendars. The Committee is seeking a new member for the HC. The Committee consists of 9; a replacement is needed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mark O'Hara.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary HC.MINUTES.APRIL.16.09