

Minutes of The Heritage Committee
Feb. 19, 2013 – Town Hall – 7 p.m.

Members present: Jack Quinn, Roger Ives, Arnie Magid, William Moncrief

Vice Chairman Jack Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Citizen Comment: None

Minutes: Mr. Moncrief moved to approve the minutes of the Jan. 15, 2013 meeting; Mr. Magid seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote as printed and distributed.

Open Space/Farm Preservation Program update - Mr. Moncrief reported that he wrote an article about the Farm Preservation Program, its history and the progress, for the Suffield Observer. The article and a related photograph were published in the February edition. The Committee complimented Mr. Moncrief on the article. The Heritage Committee will attend the Board of Finance budget review meeting to support the funding request for the Open Space/Farm Presentation. It is noted that this program received no funding this current fiscal year. There are still viable applicants that are waiting for participation in the program to purchase of development rights. This program is of great value to the Town of Suffield. The purchase of development rights of farmland, allows the farmers to continue farming, and if their land is sold, it has to maintain operating as a farm. The Committee will be notified when the funding for Open Space/Farmland Preservation is reviewed by the Board of Finance so the committee members can attend.

Ffyer Place Redevelopment – This was discussed in some detail, noting that it will take a developer to approach the Town with plans. There are possible uses for the frontage property and many concerns i.e. road reconstruction, possible relocation of the Highway Garage, etc. to be addressed.

Zoning and Planning Commission – no report
Conservation Commission – no report

Signage – Mr. Hansen will provide a sign, Farmland Preserved for the Olson Farm.

New Business: The Heritage Committee will invite the Economic Development Director, Patrick McMahon to attend their next meeting. The Committee will adjust their schedule for such a meeting. Mr. McMahon can update the Heritage Committee more fully about future development in Suffield.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary HC.Min.Feb.19.2013