

FAIRHAVEN HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES WED, AUGUST 6, 2014

Attending: Dave Despres, Vicki Paquette, Pat Bernard, Cynthia McNaughten, Wayne Oliviera, Gary Lavolette, Chris Richard. Mr. Rene Fleurent (Planning Board)

Previous minutes read; motion by Chris R/second Gary L. to accept, vote unanimous.

No financial report.

Academy Building: Dave D. met with Mr. LePage to view the condition of the roof, and to choose the color. Mr. Roth approved the project to include both exposures. The Commission discussed the letter sent to the Selectmen critical of the use of the Academy classroom for meetings. The Commission recognizes the historical importance of the room, but doesn't feel that a monthly meeting of 60 to 90 minutes duration is causing any harm. Cynthia M motioned to table the issue with no action taken at this time/Gary L. seconded, vote unanimous.

Fire Museum: project is waiting for Ray P, from DPW to be able to complete the electrical. Wayne is in contact with the Katz Bros. as to a start time for the carpentry work

Ft. Phoenix: No issues per Gary L. the Police have been shutting the gates. The bike racks have been installed, three picnic tables have been built, and two barrels have been installed.

Old Stone School: Chris R, states that there are some spongy areas just inside the door. Dave D. to check on weather-stripping the door. A concrete walk has been installed from the street to the fence line.

House Plaques: two were approved; 45 Summer St: motion by Vicki P./second by Gary L. vote unanimous, and 8 Coolidge St. motion by Dave D./second by Chris R., Cynthia M. abstain, Pat B no. Vote affirmative 5 to 1. Pat B. objection was to the age (1948) of the home.

Overlay District: Mr. Rene Fleurent of the Planning Board met with the Commission to discuss the possibility of creating a Historic District in order to preserve the rich history of the Town. Chris R. gave an outline of the issues raised during the last attempt. Even though every exemption was allowed such as replacement windows, colors etc, over 50 % of the homeowners opposed the district. Gary L. mentioned that the possibilities of incentives such as grants and loans might be an enticement in the future. Mr. Fleurent will continue to research the possibilities and meet again with the Commission.

Dave D. met with representatives of the Seventh Day Adventists Church who are the owners of the Bates Home on Main St. They are pursuing funds to replace the front sill. Dave D. provided information regarding a possible CPC grant.

A letter from Doug Brady regarding the Oxford and Rogers Schools was discussed. A motion was made by Wayne O. with a second from Chris R. stating that while the buildings are historically significant, we, the Commission, do not express any opinion as to their ownership or sale. Vote was unanimous.

Next meeting, Wed Sept 10, 2014