

**HERITAGE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**November 2, 2006**

The Heritage Commission held its regular monthly meeting in the City Council Chambers at 37 Green Street, Concord, NH on Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 4:30 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM by Chairperson McConaha.

Present at the meeting were Chairperson James McConaha, Vice Chairperson Philip Donovan, Carol Durgy Brooks, Frederick Richards, Dr. Douglas Black, alternate member Stephen Shurtleff, Marilyn Fraser, Elizabeth Durfee Hengen and member-in-training Colin Curley. Staff member Denise Taschereau (Administrative Specialist II) was present to record the minutes.

1. The Commission considered the minutes of October 5, 2006. Mr. Richards offered corrections to the minutes. He stated that he was not present at the meeting, and asked that his name be removed from the minutes as being present. At the bottom of page 3, second to last paragraph, the word "civil" should be changed to "civic". In the top paragraph of page 4, the word "major" should be changed to "mayor". Ms. Hengen asked that the word "eligible" be added to the paragraph on section #4 that discussed the National Historic Register District, and that the words be rearranged. A motion to approve the minutes with the mentioned corrections was made by Ms. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Donohue. The motion passed unanimously.

There was some discussion between committee members regarding the City Council Public Hearing regarding the State of New Hampshire's plans for new office buildings and parking garages in the downtown area. The suggestion was made to add a third floor to the bank building to create more space. In 2008, the bank building will be 50 years old and considered a contributing building to the downtown historical district.

- 2a. National Register Nomination of Dimond Hill Farm: Ms. Hengen explained that the property consists of 112 acres located on both sides of Hopkinton Road. She discussed the historical value of the land, trails and buildings. Ms. Hengen explained that an applicant can apply under 4 different criteria. This applicant applied under a criterion "A" which is for local history (agriculture).

Mr. Black asked if this information can be given to the public, in a press release.

Ms. Hengen responded that that would be a good idea, and perhaps the press release could come from the Heritage Commission.

Mr. Richards asked if this was a pending nomination.

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Ms. Hengen responded that it was. The Heritage Commission makes a recommendation as well as the City Council. The nomination should be finalized on March of 2007. Perhaps that would be a good time for a press release also.

Ms. Fraser motioned to support the nomination of Dimond Hill Farm. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

National Register Nomination of Rolfe Barn: Ms. Hengen explained that the property is already on the State Register. There is a barn, house and wagon shed. The focus of the application is the barn. It was built in the 1790's and stayed in the same family until 10 years ago. The application was submitted under the criteria "C" for its architecture and craftsmanship.

There was some discussion on the video that was produced some years ago on the Rolfe Barn and that a public viewing of the video would be educational to the public and the City Council. Mr. Shurtleff stated that he has a copy of the video if the commission needed it for the showing.

Mr. Shurtleff motioned to support the nomination of the Rolfe Barn. Ms. Frazer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hengen stated that the Penacook Historical Society will present the application for the Rolfe Barn to the City Council at their meeting on November 13, 2006.

Chairperson McConaha asked if Mr. Donovan could present the application for the Dimond Farm to the City Council at the meeting. Mr. Donovan stated that he would if his calendar was clear that night. He would check it, and advise the Chairperson.

- 2b. Capitol Views, Birdseyes – marketing & storage: Chairperson McConaha stated that the former Heritage Concord Inc. owns approximately 80 sellable copies of Concord Birdseyes and 14 boxes of Capitol Views (with 40 books in a box). The remaining trustees bought out the authors. With any sale of books now, all of the money would go back to the Heritage Fund.

The commission discussed possible marketing ideas including partners with Gibson's Bookstore, Rollins Frame Studio and possibly Boarders.

Chairperson McConaha asked that if any commission member had any ideas for storage of these items to please let him know.

- 3a. Demolition Review Committee Report: Mr. Donovan stated that there were no demolitions that he knew of.

Ms. Hengen stated that there is one possible demolition that she knows of. The barn at Spofford Farm on Ferrin Road has been purchased and the new owners have no use for the barn.

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- 3b. Master Plan Subcommittee Report: Ms. Hengen stated that she received no comments / edits from the commission members. The final document will go to City Planner Doug Woodward on November 3, 2006.
- 3c. Heritage Sign Program Report: Ms. Brooks reported that the first sign has been installed at 62 South State Street. The owner will participate in a press release when there are more signs installed. She does have another potential applicant who is still conducting research.
- 3d. Commission Procedural Rules Amendment: No report given.
- 3e. Sewalls Falls Bridge – Committee Report: No report given.
- 4. Dates, conferences, correspondence: None discussed.
- 5. Other Business: Mr. Shurtleff stated that there will be a Concord 20/20 meeting on November 9, 2006 at 5:30 PM. The future of Penacook Village will be discussed.

Ms. Frazer motioned to adjourn. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Denise Taschereau  
Administrative Specialist II  
Community Development Department