

HERITAGE COMMISSION  
DRAFT MINUTES  
*March 1, 2007*

The Heritage Commission held its regular monthly meeting in the City Council Chambers at 37 Green Street, Concord NH on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 4:30 PM.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 PM by Chairperson Donovan.

Present at the meeting were Chairperson Donovan, Dr. Douglas Black, Robert Johnson, Carol Durgy Brooks, Fred Richards, Marilyn Fraser, William McGonagle. Member-In-Training Colin Curley and Administrative Specialist Denise Taschereau were also present.

Absent from the meeting were Vice Chairperson Steve Shurtleff, James McConaha, and Elizabeth Durfee Hengen.

2. Minutes of February 1, 2007:

The commission considered the minutes of February 1, 2007. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. McGonagle seconded the motion. Chairperson Donovan asked if there was any discussion regarding the minutes.

Mr. Johnson stated that he feels that corrections should only be made when it is necessary to correct the meaning of the statement.

Ms. Brooks agreed. If the commission were to have a public meeting, then perhaps a transcript of the meeting should be used.

It was also suggested that the minutes be issued as a draft, then once they are accepted, be issued as final minutes. If changes are to be made, the changes should just be made, not redistributed.

The motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously.

3. New Business:

3a. Stump Dump Road:

Chairperson Donovan explained to the commission the location of Stump Dump Road off Fort Eddy Road. A request has been made to the Planning Board by a property owner to

rename the road. They have submitted several names as suggestions, but all of them refer to their business. The Planning Board has referred the request to the Heritage Commission.

Mr. Richards stated that he did some research and that the area was known as “an intervale”. This is a historical term that means the bottom land around a river.

Dr. Black suggested using half of the current name, “Stump Road” or “Dump Road”.

There was some discussion among the committee regarding if the name needed to be changed at all.

The names submitted for the renaming of Stump Dump Road all indicate the business of the requestor. There was some discussion that if the road is renamed, it should not reflect a specific business or industry.

“Intervale” is a historic name, other communities have streets named intervale, and there is a town in northern New Hampshire named Intervale.

Ms. Frazer asked how long the commission had to consider the request.

Chairperson Donovan responded the commission has one month, and that the Planning Board has tabled the item.

Mr. McGonagle stated that a name change should not be taken lightly. This is a City owned road. He feels that the name should not reflect a business. The name should have some historic value. Possibly the name of an early landowner would be considered.

Mr. Johnson requested that the commission take an additional 30 days to consider the request.

Mr. Richards stated that he would work with Ms. Hengen to research early landowners for more possible name alternatives.

3b. Montreal-Boston Bike Race:

Chairperson Donovan stated that Mr. McConaha had attended the informational meeting regarding the bike race last month. Mr. McConaha is not present at the meeting, so the commission will follow up next month for an update from Mr. McConaha.

3c. Street Name Manuscript by Bernard Ash:

The commission is still reviewing the manuscript. Some members did note of inconsistencies with the manuscript. The commission will discuss the manuscript further at the next meeting.

3d. Electronic Message Center Signs:

No new information.

3e. Commission Procedural Rules Amendment:

Mr. Johnson stated that he had spoke to the City Attorney, Paul Cavanaugh on the phone. He will follow up with him and update the commission next month.

4. Old Business:

4a. Demolition Review – Committee Report:

Chairperson Donovan stated that Vice Chairperson Shurtleff and the Demolition Review subcommittee met with Code Enforcement staff to review the demolition rules and ordinances.

Mr. McGonagle asked if there had been any issues in the past.

Chairperson Donovan responded that there had been some procedural issues. The concern is once the application is submitted the information needs to get to the review committee in a timely manner.

Chairperson Donovan stated that there is an application for the demolition of a barn on Ferrin Road. There was a public hearing last week. There were two neighbors who testified that they did not want the barn demolished. There is some interest in the barn from some 20 other people. All who wish to relocate the barn outside of Concord. It is estimated that the cost of moving the barn would be \$80,000 - \$100,000.

The new landowners do not want the barn because it does not fit in with there building plans for the land. They wish to put a garden in its place. They have no interest in leasing the barn, using it for an alternative use, or incorporating it into their building plan. The owners would like to keep it as a barn, but they do not want it on their property.

It is very likely that the barn will not be demolished because there are so many people interested in buying it and moving it. It has yet to be decided to whom or where the barn will go.

4b. Master Plan – Subcommittee Report:

No report given.

4c. Heritage Sign Program Report:

Ms. Brooks reported that the sign easel has been ordered. The price was under \$200. It is sturdy and lightweight. The sign display will be located in the lobby of City Hall. The press release for the two sign program participants should occur within the next month.

4d. Sewalls Falls Bridge – Committee Report:

No report given.

4e. Architectural Surveys on the Website:

No report given.

5. Dates, conferences, correspondence:

None.

6. Other Business:

None.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Richards at 5:45 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brooks. The motion passed unanimously.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Denise Taschereau  
Administrative Specialist II  
Community Development Department