

Bedford Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of 05/03/2016

Present: J. Linz (Chair), G. Carpenter, D. Corey, L. Dunham, R. LeSchack, S. McDonald,

Absent: D. Silverman

Also present: M. Rosenberg, Katherine Shutkin

1. The regular meeting minutes of 04/12/2016 were moved, seconded and approved, 6-0.
2. Financial Report – Current month expenditures totaled \$266.05 for a legal ad and copies of the Historic Properties Survey for Commission members. The unexpended balance in the budget is \$373.25.
3. Demolition Delay Bylaw –
 - 247 Concord Road – The applicant Nathaniel Brown was not present, and the hearing was continued to the HPC's meeting on June 7, 2016.
 - 158 Concord Road – The applicant Brian Collins was present at the hearing. There was a further discussion of both the Commission's and the applicant's concerns regarding the size and style of its replacement. It was moved, seconded and voted, 6-0, that the hearing be continued to June 7, 2016.
 - 178 Concord Road – The applicant was represented by Ms. Kerry Sullivan. A schematic plan representative of the intended replacement was submitted to the Commission. The finished space in the replacement will not exceed 3,000 square feet. After a discussion, it was moved, seconded and voted, 6-0, that the plan by Creative Planning and Design titled “Proposed Home for George and Donna McMillan” is acceptable for replacement of the existing residence.
 - 445 Concord Road – The Application for Review was received on 04/25/2016. DC distributed information regarding the house, which dates to the last quarter of the 17th Century. After a discussion, it was moved, seconded and voted, 6-0, that the house was Significant based on considerations including its age and location in an area strongly recommended for creation of a National Register historic district. A public hearing to consider whether it is in the public interest for the building to be Preferably Preserved will be held at the HPC's next meeting on June 7, 2016.
 - 186 Concord Road – The Application for Review was received on 05/03/2016. After a discussion, it was moved, seconded and voted, 6-0, that the house was Significant based on considerations including its age and location in an area strongly recommended for creation of a National Register historic district. A public hearing to consider whether it is in the public interest for the building to be Preferably Preserved will be held at the HPC's next meeting on June 7, 2016.
4. Old Burying Ground – LD noted that a section of the stone wall along Springs Road is failing. DC will look at it and contact DPW.
5. Depot Park – nothing new to report.
6. Job Lane Farm Museum – SMcD reported that the Friends of the Job Lane House will hold its first open house of the season on Mothers Day, 5/08. She and Alethea Yates are working on an interpretive sign for the property (to be funded by HPC). A request was received to locate a

memorial bench at the house, which the Board of Directors has approved. An area has been leveled with top soil near the barn for a mini-barn building demonstration project this summer.

7. Jenks Nature Trail – nothing new to report.

8. Shawsheen Cemetery – Kevin Duffy is doing repair work in the historic section again. DC noted that a new DPW Director, David Manugian, has been hired.

9. House Plaques – GC has placed an order for a plaque at 74 South Road.

10. Town Museum – M. Rosenberg reported on the Selectman's meeting regarding this project. After a discussion, the Selectmen reduced the options for further consideration to Old Town Hall, the Police Station (Stearns Building), and the historic portion of Town Center (Union School). DC noted that a revised grant application for the feasibility study was being resubmitted to Mass. Hist. Comm. for its consideration.

11. Community Preservation Committee – LD noted that the stone wall along the sidewalk at Utah State University's property on The Great Road is deteriorating and wondered if the town or property owner was responsible for its repair. DC will inquire with DPW.

12. Fawn Lake Study Committee – SMcD reported that the committee will continue to meet. A report is being written.

13. Old Business - none

14. New Business - none

15. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Corey, Clerk