

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES
July 13, 2010

APPROVED as amended & clarified:
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AGENDA: DOUG WILLIAMS UPDATE ON TAPPLY THOMPSON
COMMUNITY CENTER (TTCC) WALL

ATTEND: Clay Dingman (Chairman), Larry Douglas (Vice Chairman),
Don Milbrand (Sel. Rep.), Dorcas Gordon, Sandra Heaney

ABSENT: -----

OTHER: Doug Williams (TTCC – Tapply Thompson Community Center)

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

TTCC Compliance:

Mr. Williams reported that he had received 2 suggestions, for grants, which he pursued (3 grants involved). All three were denied due to their affiliation with the Church. Their top priority is the roof which will cost between \$80,000 to \$100,000.

Mr. Milbrand asked the cost estimates for the wall. Mr. Williams answered that there is a Spray paint procedure that includes depth at a cost of \$7,800. We previously talked about stone cladding. Mr. Douglas asked why they don't try a "buy a rock" program. Mr. Williams stated that BRAC (Bristol Recreation Advisory Council) talked about this but wanted all fundraising to go for the roof. In 2 years, we have only collected \$4,500. and are looking for \$80,000. Mr. Milbrand asked about a Mooseplate grant (Mr. Dingman explained that this is the L-CHIP grant which is solely for historic preservation. Mr. Williams stated that the two applications were denied. The only ones they can apply for are local and those want the money to go for programs not on buildings and the lot.

Ms. Gordon asked about thinking of the position of the TTCC along with the town's historic development. She felt that there are creative ways to deal with this. The TTCC Asks for a lot of money from the town each year. What if, this being a priority of the town, the TTCC asks for more money next year and the town require them to use a portion to complete the wall? Mr. Williams said that he suggested that they ask for \$2,000 extra this year but the town fathers asked us to level fund. Ms. Heaney said that it is a difficult situation as town and town associated buildings should be the example. We should be the leaders in compliance with the ordinance.

TTCC COMPLIANCE continued:

Mr. Williams mentioned that there has been a down-turn in the economy. People are good about supporting the TTCC and they do not want to spoil that. Ms. Gordon stated that fixing the wall would be a compliance of the town ordinance. Mr. Williams said that he would back what the town asks of them. He would love to see the wall look different. However, they needed to make it safe first. They thought about faux painting but that would require sandblasting when they went to do the final finishing. Mr. Douglas thought that this might “invite” others to paint on the wall, also. Mr. Williams said that he has had lots of volunteers who want to paint it.

Mr. Douglas asked about the TTCC making a pitch at town meeting. Mr. Williams said that he had a speech ready for this last March but the tone was negative so he did not present it. Ms. Gordon asked about some kind of vinyl bead board. Mr. Williams feels that faux rock would be good but it is the same price as the real rock facing.

Mr. Dingman noted that this project has been back to the HDC for 2 years. Mr. Milbrand said that the 2 years have been rough economic years. Mr. Williams mentioned that Bruce VanDerven had acquired some bricks from the mica building and volunteered them but they just crumbled. Ms. Gordon asked the cost and Mr. Williams answered that it is just over \$8,000 with no labor included. She suggested they ask \$5,000 from the town and added that the Select Board would have to enforce that the money be used for the wall. “It would take it out of your hands”, she added. Mr. Williams said that he wants to cooperate with the town but has to prioritize the TTCC needs. If the town earmarked the money, he would follow that request. Ms. Heaney stated that we were hoping not to have to do that but we do have ordinances that we must comply to. These are voted in by the people.

Mr. Williams stated that most people are content with the way the wall is now. Ms. Heaney answered that the Commission have to see that it is in compliance with the Ordinance just as all others in the Historic District must.

Mr. Williams asked “How can you help me?” Mr. Dingman stated that he would have liked to hear that question 2 years ago. Mr. Williams stated that he has no other avenue. He then stated that he would like to have been notified of tonight’s meeting himself as he had a note on his desk today and he has a busy schedule. The secretary stated that she mentioned it to Barbara Greenwood (BRAC) a couple of week’s ago and Christina McClay (Assessing Adm. Ass’t.) mentioned it again to Les Dion last week and Mr. Dingman added that he was told last year to come back this July. Mr. Williams said that it was Barbara who left the note. He would still like to be notified personally. The Commission mentioned that they will need to see him again next July if they do not have anything new beforehand.

TTCC COMPLIANCE continued:

With nothing else to contribute, Mr. Dingman thanked Mr. Williams for coming in.

MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2010:

Having read the minutes, S. Heaney made a motion, second by L. Douglas, to approve the minutes as amended by the Planning Board (this was a joint meeting). The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was an application for membership for the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. Mr. Dingman took this stating that he will do this on his own as he feels that it is something that we should be aware of.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The TTCC wall past history was discussed for the benefit of Mr. Milbrand who is new to the Commission. It was generally felt that something needs to be done as to compliance and enforcement. Mr. Milbrand will bring this up to the Selectmen.

Mr. Dingman stated that he has been side-tracked where the Guidelines are concerned. The goal is to make it easier for Ms. Bonsteel (Land Use Officer). It will show more drawings and examples. The idea is to make it a faster and easier process.

Historic buildings' listing is still to be updated.

The town directional sign was then discussed. Mr. Milbrand explained that he has talked with Selectman Joe Denning about adding it to the TE grant. Mr. Milbrand will continue to stay on top of this.

Ms. Gordon asked about the Historic District signs and was told that they are at Ms. Heaney's Bed & Breakfast. Ms. Gordon volunteered to get these put up. Mr. Dingman stated that Mr. Bucklin (Public Works Supervisor) will install them but she might want to remind him. Mr. Dingman will send Ms. Gordon a location map. Ms. Gordon suggested that she go to their house at 11:30 am this Friday for the signs and the map. She will contact Mr. Bucklin. Mr. Dingman mentioned that we got the signs at a reduced rate and paid for them a couple of years ago with funds that were mostly donated.

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OTHER:

Mr. Dingman asked Mr. Milbrand to report on the downtown project and the mica building. Mr. Milbrand stated that they had a meeting last Thursday on the sewer to the lake. We needed 70 – 75% to be paid in a grant and the most we have been able to get is 45%. The Selectmen are to hold a Special Town meeting on this. Not sure that the townspeople will go for bonding \$28 million. The TE grant and the Lake Street resurfacing project are waiting for the results of the Special meeting. They will update this at the Summer Town meeting.

As to the mica building, Mr. Milbrand stated that we own it but need to have John Suldenski sign a waiver of all of his rights to it. The Select Board would like to take it down, along with the buildings below it. One of these buildings is in the hands of the bank and the other is owned by Ernie Adams and used for storage.

Ms. Gordon asked about the Library. Mr. Milbrand stated that they are acting on a suggestion to remove the annex building and build a new library there. They would use the present library for reference data, etc. The architect is coming in tomorrow at 4:00 to meet with them and anyone interested. He was not sure if the meeting is at the Library or here in the Town meeting room.

The Commission then talked about the Pemi recreation path and a footbridge over the Newfound River. Ms. Heaney volunteered to help with this project (Mr. Milbrand is already doing so).

Mr. Milbrand also mentioned that they hope to wrap up the legal paperwork for the cell tower and get that moving, as well.

With no other business before the Commission, S. Heaney made a motion, second by D. Milbrand, to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Laferriere, secretary