

Burrillville Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Town Building Annex

„h Present: Patricia Henderson, Barbara Langlois, Charles Newell, and Kathleen Albuquerque

Staff: Thomas Kravitz

„h Barbara Langlois shared that Commission member Roberta Lacey will join us in the meetings in the up coming months.

„h Minutes of April 5, 2005 meeting were reviewed, amendments were made, minutes accepted.

„h As this was only our second meeting there was no old business.

„h Chip Newell asked how would the current national historic districts be affected by becoming local historic districts.

„h Tom Kravitz explained that home owners would need to come before the BHC before acquiring a building permit before working on a historic structure.

„h Benefit to homeowner would be a 20% state tax credit and 30%

federal tax credit, if work is done with original type materials.

„h Chip Newell asked what structures would be included.

„h Existing Oakland and Harrisville National Historic District structures.

„h Before making Mapleville a local historic district Harrisville and Oakland must be made local historic districts.

„h Rules for renovations/maintenance of historic structures need to be drawn up.

„h Tom Kravitz has contacted the state regarding composite materials. Need to use original materials, not composite to receive tax credits, both state and federal.

„h As a commission we can put forward to use composites.

„h Chip Newell asked how would the commission like to be presented to the public.

„h Patty Henderson suggests palatable, have some integrity.

„h Tom Kravitz states the majority of residents do not know about tax breaks.

„h Chip Newell questions whether or not there is a State Book of Rules.

„h Tom Kravitz answered ;V No.

„h Federal and State government cannot tell the commission what is acceptable.

„h In order to gain tax credits homeowner need to go through an application process.

„h Chip asks if the commission accepts the map of NHD. Accepted.

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„h Article #10, page 3 iV to be modified with

b.1) Alternative material and/or procedures may be considered on a case by case basis.

„h Chips motions to accept 11-8.11 with addition of map iV

Patricia Henderson motioned

Barbara Langlois second

All were in favor.

„h Tom Kravitz to pass 11-8.11 onto Planning Board.

Barbara motioned, Kathy second, all agreed.

„h Planning Board meeting is the first Monday of the month.

BHC members may be present, ready to answer questions.

„h Before applications will be accepted, the flow of the application process must be drawn up.

„h Homeowners will be responsible for researching materials/procedures to be done.

„h Application process would include a delay to allow time for research.

„h At next meeting Chip Newell suggests we review and discuss Mapleville Historic District paperwork as new business.

„h Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.