

Burrillville Historic District Commission  
Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Town Building Annex

- Present: Patricia Henderson, Barbara Langlois, Charles Newell, and Kathleen Albuquerque  
Staff: Thomas Kravitz
  
- Barbara Langlois shared that Commission member Roberta Lacey will join us in the meetings in the up coming months.
  
- Minutes of April 5, 2005 meeting were reviewed, amendments were made, minutes accepted.
  
- As this was only our second meeting there was no old business.
  
- Chip Newell asked how would the current national historic districts be affected by becoming local historic districts.
  - Tom Kravitz explained that home owners would need to come before the BHC before acquiring a building permit before working on a historic structure.
    - Benefit to homeowner would be a 50% piggyback tax credit, if work is done with original type materials.
  
- Chip Newell asked what structures would be included.
  - Existing Oakland and Harrisville National Historic District structures.
  
- Before making Mapleville a local historic district Harrisville and Oakland must be made local historic districts.
  
- Rules for renovations/maintenance of historic structures need to be drawn up.
  - Tom Kravitz has contacted the state regarding composite materials. Need to use original materials, not composite.
    - As a commission we can put forward to use composites.
  
- Chip Newell asked how would the commission like to be presented to the public.
  - Patty Henderson suggests palatable, have some integrity.
  
- Tom Kravitz states the majority of residents do not know about tax breaks.
  
- Chip Newell questions whether or not there is a State Book of Rules.
  - Tom Kravitz answered – No.
  
- Federal and State government cannot tell the commission what is acceptable.
  
- In order to gain tax credits homeowner need to go through an application process.
  
- Chip asks if the commission accepts the map of NHD. Accepted.

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- Article #10, page 3 – to be modified with
  - b.1) Alternative material and/or procedures may be considered on a case by case basis.
    - Chips motions to accept 11-8.11 with addition of map –  
Patricia Henderson motioned  
Barbara Langlois second  
All were in favor.
    - Tom Kravitz to pass 11-8.11 onto Planning Board.  
Barbara motioned, Kathy second, all agreed.
    - Planning Board meeting is the first Monday of the month.  
BHC members may be present, ready to answer questions.
- Before applications will be accepted, the flow of the application process must be drawn up.
- Homeowners will be responsible for researching materials/procedures to be done.
- Application process would include a delay to allow time for research.
- At next meeting Chip Newell suggests we review and discuss Mapleville Historic District paperwork as new business.
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.