

TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of May 16, 2011

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on
Monday, May 16, 2011
at the North Smithfield Public Library at 6:30 PM

Call to order: 6:40 pm

Members Present: Daniel Couture, Louise Belisle, Jeffrey Harris, Jeffrey Fontaine, Linda Frye, John Zambarano, Gwen Cunningham

Members Absent: None

Materials Distributed: Agenda, Minutes, and related documents as described below.

Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2011 Meeting

The minutes from the April 18, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

Communications

- A. Jeff H. gave a brief review of the town meeting on Rhode Island Public Records and Open Meetings Laws. Distributed copies of RIGL Open Meetings Act, Section 42-46 (1-14).
- B. Louise B. presented a personal acknowledgement letter to former NSHDC Chair Alison Peirce for her dedication and service which was reviewed and signed by all members.

Old Business

- A. The Commission continued discussion of the issues associated with the advisement letter to current local historic district property owners.
 - 1. Materials presented included the existing map of Union Village Historic District; an enlarged proposed map identifying all properties in question with a redrawn boundary line of the Union Village Historic District; the National Register of Historic Places Inventory-Nomination Form of the Union Village Historic District (dated June 30, 1978); a list of names of past property owners in the Union Village Historic District from the Town Clerks files; a letter briefly explaining the situation sent to the Town Solicitor seeking his guidance.
 - 2. Much deliberation and discussion from all members ensued, identifying potential actions, suggestions and possible solutions in addressing how to proceed. The following action(s) took place:
 - a. Submit a formal letter to the Town Council explaining the confounding circumstances of identifying current properties in the Union Village Historic District; seek to amend the map of the Union Village Historic District to properly delineate each lot and clarify the boundary line; seek to be placed on the next available Town Council agenda to hear our case and possibly proceed to a public hearing process.

Motion to Approve: Jeffrey Fontaine

Seconded: John Zambarano
All in favor
Opposed: None

3. The continuing review, discussion and vote for approval on NSHDC Rules and Regulations, Section II was tabled to the next meeting.

New Business

- A. The submitted Resolution #04182011-A for Conceptual Approval of 8 Warren Avenue was presented to the Commission. A brief review and assessment followed.
- B. A reading of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Evaluating Significance Within Registered Historic Districts. Discussion followed of the Standards in relation to 8 Warren Avenue. A vote to approve 8 Warren Avenue as 'contributing' or 'non-contributing' to the Union Village Historic District was tabled to the next meeting.
- C. Jeff H. presented and distributed a copy to each member of the Commission a revised Certificate of Appropriateness application and a new Certificate of Appropriateness. A discussion and vote for approval is pending review of the documents, and was tabled to the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 8:00 p.m.

Motion: Louise Belisle

Seconded: Linda Frye

All in favor

Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday, June 20, 2011