

**TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD**  
**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Minutes of September 19, 2011

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on  
Monday, September 19, 2011  
in the Greenwood Room at 6:30 PM  
at the North Smithfield Public Library, 20 Main Street, Slatersville, RI

**Call to order:** *6:37 pm*

**Members Present:** Louise Belisle, Jeffrey Fontaine, Jeffrey Harris, Linda Frye, Daniel Couture

**Members Absent:** Gwen Cunningham, John Zambarano

**Materials Distributed:** Agenda, Minutes.

**Approval of Minutes from August 15, 2011 Meeting**

The minutes from the August 15, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Communications**

- A. Jeff H. gave a brief review of the outcome from the presentation to North Smithfield Town Council on September 6<sup>th</sup> regarding the clarification of properties within the Union Village Historic District zoning overlay boundary map. A great deal of speculation was considered as to how the original NSHDC went about to establish the Union Village Historic District. Further discussion ensued with all members weighing in on how the current Commission should proceed.
- B. While awaiting a meeting with a representative of the Town Council and other possible Town officials (Town Solicitor, Town Planner and/ or Town Administrator), it was agreed that the Commission should continue to move forward in any way possible to obtain more historical background information to bring to the discussion. Dan C. will attempt to contact a few of the remaining original members of the NSHDC (notably, Shirley Reichenberg, Irene Nebiker and Gilbert Moore) to invite them to our next meeting to allow the current members a chance to get some questions answered as to the original intent of the Union Village Historic District.
- C. Jeff F. added that it could be useful to research the files at the office of the Building Inspector for past issuances of building permits and/ or Certificate of Appropriateness applications as related to properties considered within the Union Village Historic District. These may help to substantiate evidence and also to understand which properties have been included in past resolutions and a possible precedent on how to proceed in the future.

**Old Business**

- A. Review, discussion and vote for approval on NS HDC Rules and Regulations, Section III, has been tabled to the next meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was called to a close at 7:50 p.m.

Motion: Daniel Couture

Seconded: Louise Belisle

All in favor

Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday, October 17, 2011