

Town of North Smithfield
Historic District Commission

Minutes of May 20, 2013

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on
Monday, May 20, 2013
in the Greenwood Room at 6:30 PM
at the North Smithfield Public Library, 20 Main Street, Slatersville, RI

Call to order: 6:38

Members Present: Daniel Couture, Christian de Rezendes, Linda Frye, Jeffrey Harris, Elizabeth Martin

Members Absent: Gwen Cunningham, Jeffrey Fontaine

Materials Distributed: Agenda, Minutes, CA for 86 Great Road

Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2013

Approval of minutes from the April 15, 2013 meeting was unanimously approved.

Applications

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness: 86 Great Road, Plat 9 Lot 28, Union Village Historic District:

Owners: Sean K. and Susan L. Rabbitt

Work includes repair of storm damaged roof on barn from 10/29/12 storm. Jeff H. had toured barn prior to Commission's meeting. Commission reviewed the application, as submitted. The work proposed includes removal of existing shingles down to deck, installing shingle-mate on deck, new aluminum drip edge on perimeter, and a lifetime GAP Timberline shingle with Timbertex Hip and Ridge. The Commission made the following Resolution.

It was determined that the Repairs specified above are essentially an "in-kind" replacement (asphalt for asphalt) and are appropriate and congruous. Approval for the application as submitted, for a Certificate of Appropriateness was granted.

Motion to approve: Daniel Couture
Seconded: Christian de Rezendes
All in favor.
Opposed: None

- B. A written Resolution and a certificate of Appropriateness will be forwarded to the applicant and submitted for record to the Office of the Building Inspector.

Communications

- A. Jeff H. sent a letter to Roberta Randall, preservation architect, inquiring about the feasibility of the red school house located in Forestdale to be included under NSHDC as a single property.

Old Business

A. Status Update:

Proposed informational letter to all property owners within the Union Village & Slatersville Historic District

1. Response from Town Administration regarding final distribution and mailing. Town Administration considers mailing of letters by certified mail to be cost prohibitive. Remaining options are regular mail, or the use of a summer intern. Town made similar use of an intern when distributing mailing in Slatersville Estates.

2. Discussion and proposals for advancement.

Major sticking point of Commission is that regular mailing does not guarantee receipt of the letter. Acknowledgement that letter has been received by property owner is an integral component to the Commission's goal to educate the property owners of their responsibilities within the historic districts. Commission resolved that intern option should be pursued.

B. Continuance : Annual Statement Of Intentions

1. All members define and prioritize three(3) specific goals for the future of NSHDC and the challenges and strategies to achievement.

Some members submitted their goals in writing. Some discussion on goals already accomplished and goals to aspire to, including but not limited to . resurvey of Union Village and creation of a standard book serving as Commission's reference guide outlining each historic district property-photos, past resolutions et al.

New Business

- A. Subcommittee Report: Union Village Historic District Research Committee
In progress.

- B. Subcommittee Report: Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage
 1. Christian D had questions on what grants have been approved in the past.
 2. Jeff H. response included : plans in mapping and historic register nominations.

- C. Subcommittee Report : North Smithfield Historic District Commission
Standards and Guidelines (NSHDC S&G Committee):

1. Committee had met. Discussed using the Preservation Section of the the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines as a model.
2. Jeff H. suggested that committee also review the Rehabilitation Section of same ,compare the two, and decide which would better reflect North

Smithfield's Historic Commission's mission.

Meeting Adjourned

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

Motion: Dan Couture

Seconded: Christian de Rezendes

All in favor

Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday, June 17th