

Town of North Smithfield
Historic District Commission

Minutes of July 15, 2013

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on
Monday, July 15, 2013
in the Greenwood Room at 6:30 PM
at the North Smithfield Public Library, 20 Main Street, Slatersville, RI

Call to order: 6:42 (Jeff Fontaine chaired meeting until Jeff Harris' arrival at 6:50)

Members Present: Daniel Couture, Christian de Rezendes, Gwen Cunningham,
Jeffrey Fontaine, Jeffrey Harris, Elizabeth Martin

Members Absent: Linda Frye

Materials Distributed: Agenda, Minutes

Approval of Minutes from June 17, 2013

Approval for the minutes from the June 17, 2013 was unanimously approved.

Applications

No applications submitted.

Communications

- A. Proposal to the North Smithfield Town Council for Forestdale Schoolhouse to be recognized as a historic district has been confirmed to begin public presentation on August 5, 2013.
- B. Recap: Slatersville Heritage Days held Sunday, July 14, 2013.
 - 1. Christian de Rezendes said people floating in all afternoon to see the trailer of his documentary on the history of Slatersville.
 - 2. Jeff H. agreed with Christian that the day was a success. Included a park ranger leading tours around Slatersville.
 - 3. Jeff F. mentioned that NSHDC should consider setting up a booth next year.

Old Business

A. Status Update:

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

- 1. Discussion and proposals for advancement.
 - a. Due to budget constraints, Jeff H. recommends that the town use standard mailing to get the letters out to the homeowners. Certified mailing is cost prohibitive. Town has offered standard mailing.
 - b. After the mailing, Jeff F. recommends advertising in the Valley Breeze notifying all residents in the two historic districts that a letter was sent and if a resident did not receive a letter to check town website and postings.
 - c. Commission members agreed that the notification in Valley Breeze would provide some additional assurance.

B. Continuance : Annual Statement Of Intentions

Remaining members to contribute: Define and prioritize three(3) specific goals for the future of NSHDC Five Year Plan.

1. Pending

New Business

A. Preview of draft of "Five Year Action Plan."

1. Jeff H. has added to 5-year action plan. Not yet complete.

B. Preview of revised 'N.S. Historic Districts property Details'

Subcommittee Report:

A. Subcommittee: Union Village Historic District Research Committee

1. Finalize Documentation.

Dan C. reviewed an additional 7 property folders located at the Town's Building Inspector's office. Department will continue to pull more folders.

B. Subcommittee Report: Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage

1. R. Greenwood of the RIHPHC told Christian D. that the preservation grants are building related. Archival would have to relate to the building.
2. Subcommittee may concentrate on the schoolhouse building option.

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

1. Nothing to report..

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 7:50

Motion: Jeff Harris

Seconded: Jeff Fontaine

All in favor

Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday, August 19, 2013