

Town of North Smithfield
Historic District Commission

Minutes of February 24, 2014

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on
Monday, February 24, 2014
at 6:30 PM

Heritage Hall, 101 Greene St. Street, Slatersville, RI

Call to order: 6:47

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

Members Absent: : Eric Piette

Materials Distributed: Agenda, Minutes

Approval of Minutes from January 27 2014

Minutes from the January 27 meeting was unanimously approved.

Applications

None

New Business

- A. Comprehensive review of Old Stone Arch Bridge 90% Design Submission from the RI D.O.T.
1. Jeff Harris read aloud letter from Chief Civil Engineer of RI DOT Environmental Resources/Highway Engineers requesting comments from NSHDC with respect to D.O.T 's design submission of Old Stone Arch Bridge.
 2. General discussion among members of positives and concerns after viewing a set of proposed plans.
 3. Jeff Harris to formulate and issue a letter summarizing NSHDC members' review comments.

Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Subcommittee: Union Village Historic District Research Committee
1. Finalize Documentation.
Dan C. and Elizabeth M. to continue review of historic district property folders located in Building Inspector's Office at Annex. Approximately 20 property folders left to review. (72% of inventory review is complete)
- B. Subcommittee Report: Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission for Certified Local Government Grant (NSHDC CLG Grant Committee).
1. Jeff Fontaine submitted a three step process delineating a priorities list for CLG Grant.
 - A. Committee is first to actively seek a Historic Preservation Contractor and/or Advisor to obtain both a proposal and cost estimates to use in requesting funds from CLG grant and matching grant funds.
 - B. Once matching funds and grant are secured, second step is to renovate the building which requires additional funds. (Potential source is the Levy Grant.)

- C. Once building is renovated then third step would be to focus on preservation of artifacts and documents stored within the building.
2. Christian de Rezendes to assemble list of potential grant sources.
 - A. Christian de Rezendes has a call into the June Rockwell Levy Foundation.
3. Jeff Harris suggests that a RFP (request for proposal) be made jointly by both NSHDC and NS Heritage Association.

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

1. Gwen Cunningham submits latest draft of brochure including original illustrations.
2. Elizabeth Martin suggests that NSHDC submit a budget request to fund brochure's publication as town is currently in the budget process for next fiscal year.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 8:20.

Motion Gwen Cunningham

Seconded Dan Couture

All in favor

Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday, March 24, 2014