

Town of North Smithfield
Historic District Commission

Minutes of October 27, 2014

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on

Monday, October 27, 2014

at 6:30 PM

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

Call to order: 6:37

Members Present: Christian de Rezendes, Jeffrey Fontaine, Jeffrey Harris, Elizabeth Martin,
Eric Piette

Members Absent: Daniel Couture

Materials Distributed: Agenda, Minutes for September 22, 2014

Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2014

Minutes from the September 22 meeting was unanimously approved.

Applications

No applications filed.

Old Business

- A. F.Y.I. Meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 10:00am at the RI Department of Transportation, TMC conference room, Providence, RI with RI D.O.T. et al. for Old Stone Arch Bridge Design Review.

- B. Review grant opportunities for the Forestdale Schoolhouse master plan (re: joint venture with the North Smithfield Heritage Association).
 1. Discussion on two potential grant opportunities available both of which require matching funds: RIHPHC CLG grant and the RICH(RI Council on the Humanities) grant
 - a. The application deadline for RIHPC CLG grant is December 8, 2014
 - b. The application deadline for RICH is January 15, 2015 (letter of intent is due November 3, 2014)
 2. NSHA would need \$6,000 in matching funds to cover cost of master plan approximating \$12,000
 3. Christian de Rezendes suggests seeking contributions from larger corporations with nexus in North Smithfield .Jeffrey Harris suggests press releases recognizing donations if funding received. Eric Piette suggests signage.
 4. Jeffrey Harris recommends that a letter of intent outlining specifics be used in solicitations of donations.
 5. Elizabeth Martin urges that RIHDC not be involved with solicitation since it is a regulatory arm of the town, and any solicitations need be made by the NSHA membership, as the NSHA is a 501(c)(3) and the would be recipient organization of any donations including any matching grants.
 6. Jeffrey Fontaine recommends that any letter of intent and procedures to solicit donations be vetted by North Smithfield's legal counsel prior to any action taken.

- C. Review and discussion of the continuation of the Slatersville Historic District.
Town Council meeting set for November 3, 2014 to discuss the continuation of Slatersville Historic District. (Agenda item did not get discussed at previous town council meeting due to lack of quorum by the Town Council.)

New Business

- A. Review of meeting held on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at Kendall Dean Auditorium with RI D.O.T. et al and Town of North Smithfield, re: Slatersville Old Stone Arch Bridge Design and Construction.
- B. **F.Y.I.** : Meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7:30 at the Slatersville Congregational Church, re: Slatersville Historic District.
When Christian deRezendes saw Martha Hunt, moderator of the Congregational Church, he requested that the Church reopen discussions regarding the potential inclusion of the Church in the Slatersville Historic District.
- C. Open Forum: Discussion by members of any other relevant topics to the NSHDC.

Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Subcommittee: Union Village Historic District Research Committee
Research continuing.
- B. Subcommittee Report: Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission for Certified Local Government Grant(NSHDC CLG Grant Committee).
1. Eric Piette to draft letter of intent for donations intended to be matches for potential grant monies.
 2. Jeffrey Harris to draft letter of intent due December 1, 2014 for RICH grant.
- C. Subcommittee Report : North Smithfield Historic District Commission
Standards and Guidelines (NSHDC S&G Committee):
1. Will seek RIHPHC CLG grant for Standards and Guidelines brochure.(Due Dec. 8)
 2. Elizabeth Martin to review CLG grant requirements and draft the grant application requesting \$250. Town budget includes a matching \$250. appropriation in the current year's budget.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 8:15

Motion: Elizabeth Martin

Seconded: Jeff Fontaine

All in favor

Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday , November 24, 2014