

Town of North Smithfield
Historic District Commission

Minutes of September 28, 2015

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on
Monday, September 28, 2015
at 6:30 PM
Heritage Hall, 101 Greene St. Street, Slatersville, RI

Call to order: 6:35

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

Members Absent: Dan Couture

Materials Distributed: Agenda, Minutes

Approval of Minutes from August 24, 2015

Minutes from August 24, 2015 meeting was unanimously approved.

Applications

- A. No applications filed.
- B. Future Application not yet submitted.
 1. Jim Cadorette, contractor and representative of owners Donald and Alexandria Murray of 16 School Street, the John Slater House, and mother of Alexandria, Bettie Dunn, presented at the meeting with their intentions(nothing written), to do major work on front facing right side of porch, (new porch floor, columns, railings/balusters- replacing wooden floor, columns, and railings/balusters with non wooden materials. They also spoke of their intentions to replace some of the current wooden window sashes on the right facing side with vinyl ones.
 2. Jeff Harris explained the process of filing a Certificate of Appropriateness (C of A) which should include the specific work proposed in detail. Once the C of A is submitted the NSHDC can begin its review.
 3. Jeff Harris recommended that the contractor ask the Building Inspector to have the interior work separated from the exterior for permit purposes so interior work will not be held up while NSHDC reviews the exterior work proposed, once the NSHDC receives a completed C of A. Jeff Harris offered to speak to the Building Inspector as well.

Old Business

- A. Review/Update: NSHDC Standards & Guidelines Brochure (RIHPHC CLG Grant status).
 1. Final review from RIHPHC completed.
 2. Printing bids due on October 15, 2015 (three quotes must be presented).
 - A. Eric Piette will gather official quotes for 250 brochures.
 3. Guide must be mailed to residents by November 19, 2015.
 - A. Jeff Harris spoke with tax assessor who will provide NSHDC with the mailing addresses of residences within historic district.

- B. Review/Update: Expansion of Slatersville Historic District re: National Park Service and the inclusion of Slatersville in the new Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Park.

New Business

- A Introduction: Welcome our guest(s) from the National Park service; re: The Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Park
1. Megan Kish, the Blackstone's River Valley National Historical Park's Superintendent, and Jennifer Smith, the Park's Management Assistant, were in attendance representing the National Park Service.
 2. Megan and Jennifer referenced summer intern's, a graduate student at UPenn, work which included gathering information on all the local historic districts included within the Park.
 3. Conclusion of the intern's information gathering was that the Slatersville Historic District was in a very good stead. For example, Slatersville has an existing historic commission. Jeff Harris requested that the NSHDC see her findings/ recommendations regarding Slatersville.
 4. The National Park would like to align with the community as to what the future would look like. National wants to know how it could be helpful. Goal is to have something in writing between the National Park Service and North Smithfield, and long term goal would be for the National Park Service to have a physical presence in each of the communities that lie within the National Park.
 5. NSHDC shared map of Slatersville Historic District and future possible expansion.
- B. Current events related to N.S. Heritage Association.
- C. Open Forum.

Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Subcommittee: Union Village Historic District Research Committee
Research
1. Continuing.
- B. Subcommittee Report: Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission for Certified Local Government Grant(NSHDC CLG Grant Committee).
1. Continuing.
- C. Subcommittee Report : North Smithfield Historic District Commission
Standards and Guidelines (NSHDC S&G Committee):
1. Continuing. See above, under Old Business Caption A.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 7:57

Motion: Jeff Harris

Seconded: Eric Piette

All in favor All

Opposed: None

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, October 26 , 2015