

Town of North Smithfield  
**Historic District Commission**

Minutes of March 21, 2016

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on  
Monday, March 21, 2016

at 6:30 PM

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

**Call to order:** 6:48

**Members Present** Dan Couture, Christian de Rezendes, Jeffrey Harris, Elizabeth Martin

**Members Absent:** Jeffrey Fontaine, Keith Nadeau, Eric Piette

**Materials Distributed:** Agenda, Minutes from February 22, 2016

**Approval of Minutes from February 22, 2016**

Minutes from February 22, 2016 meeting was unanimously approved.

**Applications:**

A. No applications filed.

**Old Business**

A. Review/Update: Conceptual Review: 83 Greene Street (Kendall Dean School), Plat 2 Lot 36, Slatersville Historic District. Owner: Town of North Smithfield.

- 1) Project may include solar panels on auditorium roof.
- 2) Town is working on application for state preservation matching grant.
- 3) Commission will need to examine the merging of sustainability and historic preservation/reuse.

B. Review/Update: Forestdale Schoolhouse Master Plan(re; joint venture with the N.S. Heritage Association).

- 1) NSHA selected the architectural firm Brewster Thornton to produce the Master Plan for Forestdale Schoolhouse.
- 2) Selection must be approved by Town Council.

C. Review/Update: Meeting with owner of 16 School Street (John Slater House).

- 1) Positive review by homeowner of C of A process.

D. Review/Update: Forestdale Mill/Stamina Mill site

- 1) Ongoing. Conference call on 3/8/16 between Jeff Harris, Christian de Rezendes, and Matt Robbie, the consultant from SKEO performing a study on potential future uses of the property at Stamina Mills.
- 2) Looking at a possible potential use for the existing office building, restored and used as a gateway to the National Park.

E. Review Update: Forestdale Schoolhouse Stair Replacement Project.

1) Currently out to bid.

**New Business**

- A. Discussion: Historic Designation plaques for properties within the Town's Historic Districts.
  - 1) NSHDC should look into establishing a plaque program emulating existing programs which would include parameters- how and what to include on the sign, an application filing, a list of companies that make the plaques, and range of costs.
  
- B. Discussion: re: Town charette for Slatersville and the Blackstone River Valley-National Historic Park
  - 1) Possibly looking to April or May to hold a charette.

**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) Dissolved, as goal has been accomplished.
- C. Subcommittee Report : North Smithfield Historic District Commission  
Standards and Guidelines (NSHDC S&G Committee):
  - 1) Dissolved, as project is completed.

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was called to a close at 7:48

Motion: Dan Couture

Seconded: Elizabeth Martin

All in favor

Opposed: None

next Meeting Date: April 25, 2016