

Town of North Smithfield  
**Historic District Commission**

Minutes of June 20, 2016

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on  
Monday, June 20, 2016  
at 6:30 PM  
Heritage Hall, 101 Greene St. Street, Slatersville, RI

**Call to order:** 6:40

**Members Present:** Jeffrey Harris, Jeffrey Fontaine, Elizabeth Martin, Keith Nadeau

**Members Absent:** Dan Couture, Christian de Rezendes

**Materials Distributed:** Agenda, Minutes from June 1, 2016

**Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2016**

Minutes from June 1, 2016 meeting was unanimously approved.

**Applications:**

- A. No applications filed

**Old Business**

- A. Review/Update: Forestdale Schoolhouse Master Plan (re: joint venture with the N.S. Heritage Association).
  - 1. Beth Faricy of the North Smithfield Heritage Association(NSHA) received comments from the NSHA board members regarding the draft of the master plan and forwarded them to Brewster Thornton
  - 2. Final review of the master plan is scheduled for July 19th at 6:00 at the Forestdale Schoolhouse
- B. Review Update: Forestdale Schoolhouse Stair Replacement Project.  
Ongoing. To be reviewed. Completion expected soon.
- C. Review Update : Old Stone Arch Bridge, Slatersville.  
Construction may be delayed into 2017.

**New Business**

- A. Notice: Town of North Smithfield 'charette" re: Blackstone River Valley National Historic Park, Slatersville Historic District, June 11, 2016, Scouters Hall  
Cancelled.
- B. Discussion: Wind Turbine installation proposal: 836 Old Smithfield.  
Zoning hearing was held. Decision pending as of this date.

- C. Inquiry: Creation of new local historic district: Old Smithfield Road.  
Requires consensus of the community, several public town council meetings, prospective(not retroactive) .
- D. Review NS HDC Five Year Plan (actions to be considered):
1. Development of historic district plaque program.
    - a. National Park Service may have \$2,500 or less to expend on new National Park in Slatersville but only until mid August 2016.
    - b. NSHDC suggested simple Historic Markers (name, date, and a couple of descriptive sentences) for the large mill buildings
    - c. NSHDC received a quote from one vender, seeking additional quotes from other vendors as of this date.
  2. Develop guidelines for sustainability (energy efficiency and renewable energy) as it relates to historic preservation.  
Discussion postponed.
  3. Develop property listings and 'overlay' maps of Town of North Smithfield National Historic Districts and National Historic Properties.  
NSHDC considering recommendation to Town.
  4. Engage Planning Department and Building/ Zoning Department to introduce Historic District Overlay Zones into the town's website/ GIS map system.  
NSHDC considering recommendation to Town.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

- A. Subcommittee: Union Village Historic District Research Committee

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was called to a close at 7:27

Motion : Jeff Fontaine

Seconded: Keith Nadeau

All in favor

Opposed: None