

Town of North Smithfield
Historic District Commission

Minutes of July 25 , 2016

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on
Monday, July 25, 2016
at 6:30 PM
Heritage Hall, 101 Greene St. Street, Slatersville, RI

Call to order: 6:46

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

Members Absent: Dan Couture

Materials Distributed: Agenda, Minutes from June 20, 2016

Approval of Minutes from June 20, 2016

Minutes from June 20, 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. Master Plan is just about finalized and in its last stages of review.
 - 2. Rhode Island Historic Preservation is also reviewing proposed Master Plan since matching grant dollars are involved.

- B. Review Update: Forestdale Schoolhouse Stair Replacement Project.
 - 1. Stairs are almost complete.
 - 2. Final review of punch list items still pending.

- C. Review Update : Collaboration with the National Park Service re: Historic markers for properties within the Slatersville Historic District.
 - 1. NSHDC is aiming to place two historic markers at Slatersville Mill (at stone building and weaver shed) with potential monies from the National Park Service.
 - 2. Member Keith Nadeau has spoken with Warren Monument who still has pink stone remnants original to RI. For pricing quote will need specifications.
 - 3. Commission members discussed potential specifications- 6" by 6" granite post, 3 feet above ground with two pins in concrete base, 2" thick stone tablet, 24" wide by 18" deep.
 - 4. Commission members discussed two options on text application and seek and add alt quote
 - a. One option includes text sandblasted directed onto the stone tablet (query as to how

- the stone would be finished, what coating)
- b. Second option includes text engraved on bronze plaque secured to stone tablet.
5. Commission members discussed contents of text- name of building, year built, who built it, brief description of building's use, and attribution to National Park Service for funding. Member Christian de Rezendes will draft sample text.

New Business

- A. Inquiry: Guidelines for solar panel installation: Union Village Historic District.
1. Owners of 86 Great Road are seeking guidance on potential installation of solar panels on their barn.
 2. Chair Jeff Harris has looked to Providence for their sustainability guidelines.
 3. Member Elizabeth Martin suggests that the NSHDC looks to The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Illustrated Guidelines on Sustainability for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.
 4. Providence's sustainability guidelines are similar to the Secretary of the Interior's sustainability guidelines- it appears that Providence has adopted the Secretary of Interior's guidelines. (see motion below under Section B, 2)
- B. Review NS HDC Five Year Plan (actions to be considered):
1. Development of historic district plaque program.
Discussion postponed.
 2. Develop guidelines for sustainability (energy efficiency and renewable energy) as it relates to historic preservation.

Motion : *For NSHDC to adopt the sustainability guidelines as set forth in "The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Illustrated Guidelines on Sustainability for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings."*

Motion To Approve: Jeff Fontaine

Seconded: Elizabeth Martin

Voted Yes: Christian de Rezendes Jeffrey Harris, Jeffrey Fontaine, Elizabeth Martin, Keith Nadeau

Opposed: None.; Motion passes.

3. Develop property listings and 'overlay' maps of Town of North Smithfield National Historic Districts and National Historic Properties.
4. Engage Planning Department and Building/ Zoning Department to introduce Historic District Overlay Zones into the town's website/ GIS map system.

Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Subcommittee: Union Village Historic District Research Committee

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 8:40.

Motion : Jeff Fontaine

Seconded: Elizabeth Martin

All in favor. Opposed: None

