

Tiverton Historic Preservation Advisory Board (THPAB)

June 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 7:03 PM.

Members present: Cindie Allen (Chair), Sue Anderson (co-Chair), Rachel Elder, Stuart Hardy

Members absent: Jeff Cobb

Guests present: Jim and Rosalind Weir

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

The Main/Souza Road Development agenda item was moved to the last item for discussion.

Communication: Cindie Allen shared a letter of resignation from Jeff Cobb. It was accepted by all members with regret.

Historic District Zoning (HDZ):

- **Stuart Hardy gave highlights of the February public meeting held with Rick Greenwood, Deputy Director of RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC). Details of the meeting are in the February 20, 2013 minutes.**

- **He also recapped the meeting held with the Four Corners Merchants**

Association (about ten people); all voiced approval for HDZ in Four Corners. This includes Terri Holland and Gray's Ice Cream. Jim Weir has also spoken with Scott and Cindy Burns (Provender) and Neville, who are also in favor of it.

- **The process is to make a suggestion to the Town Council, who would then turn it over to the Planning Board for review, then have a public hearing, then back to the Town Council for another public hearing before it is adopted.**

- **We need to have a Historic District in town before Tiverton can become a Certified Local Government (CLG) and get CLG grants for municipal historic preservation activities.**

- **HDZ adds protection to properties, and adds value to properties within the historic district.**

- **The Historic District Commission (HDC) would make judgments on architectural characteristics of the district, and make sure any changes fit within the character of the HD. The HDC would not write any grants. The property owner would apply for a grant for their building, but it should go through the THPAB to ensure no duplication of effort is being done for the same grant.**

- **Motion was made by Stuart Hardy, seconded by Rachel Elder, and passed unanimously to ask the Town Council to consider a HD ordinance for Tiverton Four Corners.**

Stuart Hardy recused himself and left the building before the discussion of the Main Road/Souza Road Development was held.

The next meeting will be held on July 17, 2013 in the Town Hall mail room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Submitted by Susan Anderson