Dover Historical Commission Minutes

A meeting of the Dover Historical Commission was held on February 5, 2008 at 7:07 p.m. Present were: Richard Eels, Jane Moore (co-chairs), Ken DiNisco, Kay Guild, Tom Johnson, Charlotte Surgenor, and Paul Tedesco.

First item of discussion was 1 Hunt Dr. Most of the committee had visited the site the Saturday before and agreed that the barn was not historically significant. Mr. Goodwin had hired a professional to see if he could re-use any of the foundation or beams and was told that it was not possible. A motion that 1 Hunt Dr. is not historically significant was made and seconded. After some more discussion it was voted 7-0 that the motion should pass. The secretary was to let the building inspector know by Thursday February 6, 2008. Mr Goodwin has offered the Historical Society anything they wanted out of the barn before it was torn down.

The next item for discussion was the Plaque Program. There needs to be an accounting of the program by next meeting. As a review at this point, there have been 50 plaques put on houses in town. Eight of those plaques are on town property and were installed by the Society with no charge. The profits from this project are to be divided 1/3 to the Commission and 2/3 to the Society. The money given to the Commission will be put into their Gift Account.

Next, Richard and Jane met with Tony Kalo about the situation at 6 Farm St. It was suggested to look at the Bylaw with Dave Ramsey to see if Dr Olivia was holding up his part of the bi-law, if not a letter could be sent to Dr. Olivia. With time running out the Commission, Ken DiNisco, is going to look into getting a price for archival quality photos and drawings of 6 Farm St. This needs to be done by the June deadline.

The January vote on 112 Centre Street stipulating an eight month delay in demolition was not in accord with the Bylaw, which allows only a one year delay. Therefore the demolition will be delayed for one year, until January 2009. Jane has asked a broker to get the word out that there were 2 old houses in Dover which would soon be demolished and if there was interest in those houses to let the Commission know. Tom asked if there was any way of keeping a door or mantel.

Sara Molyneaux is very interested in seeing if she can get some money raised to save 6 Farm St. Jane was going to be in touch with Sara to see what other information she needed.

It was decided that Paul and Jane would try and get an article into the Dover-Sherborn Press to discuss 6 Farm St. and 112 Centre St. and the fact that a good deal of Dover’s history could soon be torn down.

Minutes from the January meeting were approved by a 5-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted - Charlotte Surgenor
Secretary