

Dover Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2014

7:00 PM –Fireside Room (former COA Room)

Call Meeting to Order---The meeting was called to order by Richard Eells on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Present -- Janet Comiskey-Giannini, Richard Eells, Tom Johnson
Charlotte Surgenor, Paul Tedesco, Daniel Wilcox

Absent--- Jane Moore

Guests—Bob Sullivan and John Riedel, owners of 164 Centre Street

Acceptance of the Minutes: Acceptance of March 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

Sundial --Paul stated that the Sundial is done. The welding and cleaning on the sundial was about 3 hours' work and cost around \$300.00. A square is complete around the Sundial with gravel and natural material.

Richard Eells moved a motion that the Historical Commission authorize up to \$300.00 dollars to pay for the cleaning and welding of the Amelia Peabody Sundial.

Public Notice might come from the Eagle Scout group and Paul will check with the Scouts.

New Business:

164 Centre Street; John Riedel and Bob Sullivan came to learn about Chapter 96-2- the Demolition Permit process on houses built before 1929 within the Town of Dover. Also, they asked about houses with later additions and how they would be impacted by the law and if they could demolish an addition without going through the process. The additions become a part of the total of the house and thus would require the By-laws process for a demolition permit.

The Law does allow moving of the total house built before 1929 to be moved in total on the site of the property. Moving the total house within the site of the property would preserve the house--- **The Intent of the By-Law.** One cannot demolish an addition of an older house and move part of the house without going through the demolition permit process.

They were informed that for the Historical Commission to rule on a house built before 1929, they would need to have a completed demolition permit application filed with their

intention of the structure on the property. The process under the By-law needs to be followed for demolition to occur on any part of the structure.

They were informed before a Site Visit could occur, usually on Saturday morning, the Commission would need at least a 48 hour or more notice to occur so the Commission could follow Open Meeting Rules of posting the meeting of the Commission on the Town of Dover calendar.

They thanked the Commission for the information before leaving the meeting with the understanding that the Commission rules on an application of demolition permit requests and not on verbal requests.

The Commission will wait for an application on the house to see what they are requesting for demolition from the building inspector.

Next Meeting---Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Adjourn Meeting –Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Janet Comiskey-Giannini
Dover Historical Commission
Secretary