

## Dover Historical Commission Meeting

November 3, 2015

7:00 PM –Fireside Room

**Call Meeting to Order**— The Meeting was called to order by Jane Moore, the chair, at 7:00 PM

**Present** –Jane Moore, Janet Comiskey-Giannini, Richard Eells, Tom Johnson, Stephen Kruskall, Charlotte Surgenor, Paul Tedesco

Guests—Ken and Sam Solderholm from Solderholm Custom Builders for 95 Farm Street

Candace McCann, the Selectman Liaison person

**Acceptance of the Minutes**----The Minutes for the October 6, 2015 Meeting were approved.

### Old Business:

**95 FARM Street**—Sam and Ken Soderholm from Soderholm’s Custom Builders stated that over the last several months there was much activity on the potential of moving the 1650 Osgood house but no one ever presented an offer to buy and move the house. The brokers even got in touch with Osgood relatives. Even tried Amesbury Historical and the Natick Historical Societies. The Consensus is that after potential buyers looked into the cost of moving the house and permits that it was cost prohibitive. The Burkes hope to reuse some of the timbers and panels in the basement sports room. The builders would like to start the foundation on the new house and the old house could get destroyed from the blasting that would be close to the house.

They are requesting a letter that they have permission to start in November to dismantle the house and start the foundation before the year’s waiting period.

The Historical Commission after much discussion decided that they have shown good faith in trying to find a buyer for the 1650 Osgood House. The Commission moved and approved a motion to dismantle the old c.1650 house structure. Commission appreciated the time and effect of trying to save the 1650 Osgood House on 95 Farm Street and that the current owners (Burkes ) would be allowed to reuse the timbers and panels and as much as possible in their sport recreation room in the basement.. The rest could be sold on the web-sites for old antique wood components.

The Commission voted on the motion, the vote was Ayes 7 /No 0 to allow dismantling of the 1650 Osgood house. It was also noticed that the house is not original to Dover and was moved to Dover.

**210 Claybrook Road**— Jane said that the closing date on this property has changed again. The Owner (Trustee) Diane Darling has submitted plans for the removal of the house.

The Commission decided to schedule a Notice of a Public Meeting at the December 1, 2015 meeting in the Dover-Sherborn paper. Abutters will be sent notices also. Jane will oversee this process.

**Brook Sign Project-- Historical House Signs.** Discussion that maybe the signs could be made in town at the Highway Dept. with a metal type of sign. Paul was going to look into this possibility.

**Dover Historical Maps**-- There are 6 Historical Maps at the Library either in the Librarian’s office and another library office. Not easy to see the maps stated by Stephen. Stephen thought it best to write her a letter notifying the librarian that the Historical Commission is going to move the maps to the Town Clerks office and that they are the property of the Commission.

**New Business:**

**2016 Historical Commission Schedule (January to June)** discussed and Janet will check with the Selectmen's office and book the room.

**Next Meeting**— Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

**Adjourn Meeting** at 8:35 PM

Janet Comiskey-Giannini

Dover Historical Commission, Secretary