

Dover Historical Commission Meeting

September 15, 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, Charlotte Surgenor, Paul Tedesco,

Stephen Kruskall, the new board member joining the Commission. He was presented to the Commission by Jane Moore. He will need to be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Candace McCann, the Selectman Liaison person

Richard stated he has moved over the summer to 109 Farm Street, the family home and historical home of Joseph A. Smith.

Acceptance of the Minutes----The Minutes for the July 14, 2015 Meeting were approved.

Old Business:

95 FARM Street—Richard stated that the Old C.1650 House is still intact. Some building on a new structure (house) in the area was noted. Jane asked if Janet would inform her the date on the letter to the Building Inspector about this property. (Historical significance letter dated January 16, 2015 and addendum letter February 3, 2015 to allow removal of the house due to a buyer for the property).

210 Claybrook Road— Jane said that the closing date on this property is Early September and a new owner (buyer) will have to re-file for a demolition request once she is the owner of record. Charlotte stated again that she felt that she should absentee from this upcoming vote. The Commission noted her request.

50 PINE Street –Update. House still intact

Brook Sign Project-- Historical House Signs. Decided that the Commission should do a mock sign similar to the Historical Plaques and present to the Planning Board and Selectmen. The Brooks that cross under the roads are the ones to be marked. We should begin with the following brooks; Spring Brook, Tubwreck Brook, Fisher Brook and the Charles River in 3 locations. Tom said he would take some pictures of the exact locations before presenting it to the Planning Board and Selectmen. The Historical Commission likes the concept of using the Historical House design. Noted that some of the land where we might want to put signs up might belong to Corp. of Engineers.

Dover Historical Maps-- Noted that the maps are still at the Library and in the Librarian's office. Paul stated that they should be at the Dover Town Clerk's Office so more folks can see them. Candace stated she is willing to speak with the Town Clerk's Office.

New Business:

Paul suggested that Highland Cemetery should be listed on the National Historical Register. He said that he would speak with the Cemetery Commission. Felt the Cemetery Commission could get a it listed on the Register since several members on the Cemetery Commission have grant writing grant expertise.

Next Meeting— Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

Adjourn Meeting at 8:10 PM

Janet Comiskey-Giannini
Dover Historical Commission, Secretary