

Dover Historical Commission Meeting
February 9, 2016
7:00PM --Fireside Room

Call to Meeting to Order--The Meeting was called to order by Jane Moore, the chair, at 7:10 PM.

Present--Jane Moore, Janet Comiskey-Giannini, Richard Eells, Tom Johnson, Stephen Kruskall, Charlotte Surgenor, Paul Tedesco
Candace McMann, the Selectman, Liaison person

Acceptance of the Minutes--The Minutes for the January 5, 2016 were accepted with a few changes.

Old Business:

210 Claybrook Road--The Commission has heard that the property passed papers on February 9, 2016.

Jane stated that she paid for postage to send out notices. She also stated that the newspaper ads need to be paid for either by the seller or buyer. The Commission needs to be reimbursed as stated in the By-laws. She will send copies of the bills to both the estate's lawyer, representing the seller and a copy to the real estate broker, Mary Crane. The Historical Commission understands that the buyer is Ms. Testa but her address is unknown at this time.

Updates--50 Pine Street Sold to the Hicks Family, a family sale)
95 Farm Street--Appears that the house has been removed
Farm St-Medfield--Richard reported that the builder is aware of the gravel site on the property (Battelle grave)

Brook Sign Project On Streams and Ponds--- Update--Decided that it is best that the Brook Signs should be of an oval shape (similar to the Historical House Markers) and colors suggested color was "Black on White" sign.

The Brooks being marked will follow those mentioned in Frank Smith's book **-Dover Farms** -Appendix section.

Jane offered to design an oval sign.

Candace going to meet with the Planning Dept. to see what are the guidelines for signs within the Town of Dover and should the Commission bring a sign to a meeting to get approval of project from the Planning Board.

Historical Map-Library Update--Stephen stated that the Town Clerks area is not large enough to house all the maps coming from the library so there is a delay in moving these maps. Suggested that the Maps might be hung on the walls within the Town House. That would require approval from Dave Ramsey. Paul believes that historical items should be on display for the general public to learn about Dover's history. Several of the maps have limited value. Dave Ramsey also over sees what is in the Town Vault.

New Business:

Other---With the discussion of the Historical Maps earlier in the evening the following was discussed that much of the Historical Commission Reports and items are in several locations at the Town House and in some member's homes. Asked if the Commission could get a secure official location for these papers within the Town House. Candace will speak with Dave Ramsey about this request.

Also, the fact that the Historical House Inventory List (houses built prior 1929) at the Dover Library Reference location to be scanned to preserve and to be used on the internet.

The Dover Historical Society has expressed a desire for these to be scanned and copied also. The Commission will work together on this project with the Historical Society. Suggest that we do not lose control of these books.

By-Law Knowledge--The Historical Commission has recently noticed several Historical Homes have been sold or are on the real estate market. It has been requested by some members that a letter be sent to Real Estate Brokers in Dover just reminding them to educate the sellers and potential buyers of the By-law. Jane stated she will write and send a letter to the Real Estate Companies within Town.

Next Meeting--Next Meeting is being changed to Wednesday, March 9th since March 1 is an election day in Dover.

Adjourn Meeting--Meeting adjourned 8:07 PM

Janet Comiskey-Giannini
Dover Historical Commission, Secretary