

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

Call to 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

Guest—Mar-cia Testa; Sherborn, MA (for 210 Claybrook Road---New owner)

Absent—Candace McMann, Selectmen Liaison Person

Acceptance of the Minutes--The Minutes for the February 9, 2016 were accepted with a few changes.

Old Business:

210 Claybrook Road—Mar-cia met with the Historical Commission as the new owner of the Historical House on this property. She stated that her desire was to remove the Historical House of c.1820-30s and to build a family home for herself and parents, who needs first floor living quarters.

The Commission stated that this home was the dwelling of the Father of Benjamin Sawin who build the Sawin Building Memorial Building in Dover Center, and houses the Dover Historical Museum.

The Commission would like to see the old antique section (c.1820-30's) of the building saved and if possible moved to another location within the Town of Dover due to the connection of the Sawin family and Dover's History.

Mar-cia said that she would be willing to offer the building to anyone who wants to move it but she did not see that it would fit into the type of family home she would have to build for the family.

Suggested by the Commission to advertise to organizations and place ads in local papers and contact local builders and folks within town who might want to incorporate antique timbers in their constructions. Also, to contact Paul Spurling of SpurlingThomas (www.spurlingthomas.com) Associates.

Mar-cia did offer to pay the expenses that the Dover Historical Commission occurred to advertise the Public Notice of demolition request for 210 Claybrook Road.

Brook Sign Project On Streams and Ponds--- Update—No update since Jane was not able to speak with Craig Hughes on the type of signs that can be made by the Highway Dept. Suggested that Jane try calling Craig at home since she had been unable to connect with him at the Town Garage and his office.

Also, no report from Candace McMann, the selectman-- liaison person, about the

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Planning Board rules on signs.

Suggested that the Commission consider that the Dover Demon locations be marked under this project also. No vote at the time was taken,

Historical Map-Library Update—Since Candace was not present and no report presented the Historical Commission Board does not know if it could display maps and important papers on the walls of the Town House for public viewing. Was suggested once the Commission knows if the maps can be displayed at the Town House, the Commission should meet and go through all the papers that should be place in a Town House location.

Suggested one should be very carefully of tossing anything away and a good storage location is important to the Commission.

Historical House Markers: ----The Historical House Inventory List (houses built prior 1929) at the Dover Library Reference location will be scanned by the Dover Historical Society to preserve this information and to be used at the library and on the internet

The Commission will work with the Historical Society and assist with payment for the cost of protector covers for the documents at the Dover Library. Suggest that we do not lose control of these books.

Also, noted that the Historical Marker was never put up at St Dunstan's and Paul was wondering if the Church lost the Marker. Janet offered to ask the Church about the matter.

By-Law Knowledge-- The letter being sent to Real Estate Brokers in Dover reminding them to educate the sellers and potential buyers of the Dover By-law on Historical Houses was discussed. Input came from all members on the Board. Jane stated she will write and send the final letter to the local Real Estate Companies within Town.

New Business –No new business

Next Meeting--Next Meeting is being changed to Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

Adjourn Meeting--Meeting adjourned 8:22PM

Janet Comiskey-Giannini
Dover Historical Commission, Secretary