

Dover Historical Commission Meeting
May 3, 2016
7:00PM --Fireside Room

Call to Meeting to Order—The meeting was called to order by Jane Moore, the chair, at 7:02 PM.

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

Absent-- Richard Eells,
Candace McMann, Selectmen Liaison Person

Acceptance of the Minutes--The Minutes for the April 5, 2016 were accepted with minor changes

Old Business:

210 Claybrook Road—Was suggested that the Historical Commission invite Marcia Testa for an update on 210 Claybrook Road to the next in June before the summer recess since there is much activity on land in which the historical c.1820-1830 Greek Revival house sits on. Thought it best to send an electronic invite to her for a paper trace. Charlotte offered to do it but needed to get an e-mail address. Janet said she would look in the minutes and at the sign in sheet of the meeting she attended—January 2016?

50 Pine Street --Update---Noted that some of the windows have been removed from the historical house that was given permission for a demolition permit last year due to mold and insect infestation and the restoration of property would have been prohibitive to restore the property.

Brook Sign Project On Streams and Ponds--- Update—Tom presented his mock-up sign and photos of the sign along the road. Discussion of the picture and sign came to the conclusion that the oval shaped sign needs to be larger than the current format of the present historical house marker.

Jane said she would work on a larger elongated oval sign and hope to have something to give to Candace for the Selectmen's meeting on May 12th.

Stephen present an informative list of the brooks and streams with GPS/longitude and latitude setting and name and common names. The Chart was much appreciated by the Commission and the hard work it involved to develop it.

Historical Map-Library—Update—Steve stated that he signed for the 5 maps of Dover at different time. was taken out of the library to be placed a security storage room in the Town Hall. All the maps are framed and since they are framed it is truly hard to evaluate the maps as original but Steve thinks they are all reproduction copy maps. It is felt that the Commission still does not have the original maps of Dover.

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Some of the copies of maps that the library has on the walls were copied from maps that the Historical Society had according to the librarian.

Historical House Markers ---- Janet reported that she was able to speak with the property management group at St. Dunstan's (Jim Nail) and they are still working on the potential of getting a replacement sign on St Dunstan's.

With the discussion of a replacement house marker someone noticed on one sign historical houses in Dover has fade and wondered what the Historical Commission does in that case. Does on ask the current owner if they would like to replace the sign or what. No one knew what the plans for signs that faded due to bright sun and other environmental conditions that would cause signs to fade. The philosophy of these Historical House Marker is to education the general public of the varied types of house Dover. A faded sign is not educating the public.

New Business --No new business

Next Meeting--Next Meeting is Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

Adjourn Meeting--Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM

Janet Comiskey-Giannini
Dover Historical Commission, Secretary