



Milford Heritage Commission
Town Hall
1 Union Square
Milford NH 03055

Minutes March 2019

Meeting Date:

March 13, 2019

Attending:

David Palance, Chairman

Erna Johnson, Member

Chuck Worcester, Former Chairman

Chris Thompson, Alternate called to vote

Herb Adams, Member

Jan Worcester, Citizen

Chris Gentry, Photographer

Meeting held in the library basement Lull Room

Review of Minutes

Call to vote into record

Draft February Minutes provided for review, voted into record unanimously.

New Business

- Subdivision Plan Review, nine new 1/3 acre lots at 118 Amherst St., Full-sized plans were evaluated. Several concerns over the number of stone walls that will be disturbed in the proposed roadway and particularly in lots 23-2-1 and 23-2-8. Noting the large amount of recontouring of the slope, there would be much disruption of the walls. The Committee would like to see some alternative plans that would preserve most of the walls as this is a well-documented feature of the town's heritage speaking to the early farming use of the land going back to our earliest settlers. There were also comments as to plans for sidewalks in the plan.
- Change of use, Auto Garage to Restaurant, Union Square, these plans were reviewed and produced many positive attributes to the proposed changes. The history of this location was discussed as to the original mill and service station on this location. Members brought up the point that the owners took extra care to discuss their plans at several forums including a visit to the Historical Society's Open House and the article in the local paper, The Cabinet. There was some confusion over the apparent conflict of property lines, town easement and existing right of way. These questions will be presented to the Planning Board for clarification.

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- Heritage Chapter in the Town Master Plan, Discussion of the progress of the historical inventories of the Granite industry through the quarries and the old house and building inventories.
 - After study we find that there may be many more quarries both surface type and subterranean. The popular names differ on what these are called and several conflicts exist with the W. Wright Town History. A subcommittee continued to research this subject prior to collecting an inventory. There is some talk of preparing a map with all the quarries located, named and owners.
 - Progress is being made to catalog the houses and buildings in town from the date prior to 1940. Presently we are logging all of the Alberta Hagar Old House Cards of which may be over 800 count. This data will be merged with other sources for a complete inventory. The Old House Cards still provide some difficulty due to the random use of old street numbers and some streets not numbered at all. The sub-committee continues to build this inventory.

The Commission is interested in accepting volunteers to help with the research needed for a complete Master Plan chapter.

Date of Next Meeting

April 10, 2019

Call to Adjourn

7:45pm

Chairman

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