

Exeter Heritage Commission  
Draft Minutes  
Wheelwright Room, Exeter Town Offices  
March 10, 2010

Members present: Amy Bailey, Mary Dupre, Julie Gilman, John Merkle, Peter Michaud, Peter Smith Absent: Ron Schutz

Chairman, John Merkle, called the meeting to order at 7:15.

Julie Gilman made the motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Peter Smith. Motion passed.

**Demolition Review Updates:** The property of Jeff Wyman, 9 Spruce Street under consideration for demolition was inspected by John Merkle, Peter Michaud and Amy Bailey and deed researched by Julie Gilman. The decision was made to allow demolition because the home was not a significant resource to the Town or the neighborhood in which it was situated.

**Certified Local Government:** The grant application for Town Wide Survey has not yet been acted on due to missing requested resumes for Pam Gjettum and Dennis Derby of the Historic District Commission. The resumes are a necessary part of the process and must be available and forwarded to NHDHR before the Certified Local Government status will be award.

**Winter Street Cemetery:** The letter of intent has been forwarded to NHDHR. The Heritage Commission is waiting to receive the grant application before proceeding.

**Great Dam Removal:** Warrant Article 22 passed in the affirmative on 9 March 2010. This article approved raising \$100,000.00 through a special warrant article for the feasibility study of removing the Great Dam. It also allowed the Board of Selectmen to accept a watershed assistance grant of \$60,000.00 from the NH Department of Environmental Services to offset the total \$100,00.00 project cost. Under these circumstances the study of removal of the Great Dam can proceed.

Relevant to this, a meeting of the River Study Committee will be held 18 March, 9:00 a.m. (Novak Room, Town Office Building) which Julie Gilman plans to attend.

**Train Station Grant Application:** A transportation enhancement grant proposal has been submitted to the NH DOT. The Exeter Planning Board will meet on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Novak Room of the Town Office Building to consider a CMAQ grant proposal for renovation of the historic baggage building at the Exeter Train Station, 58 Lincoln Street. Such renovation would provide a heated waiting area, bathroom facilities and ticket sales.

**Properties at Risk:** The former Eventide Home has been sold and it appears the new owner is planning some sort of medical support services. At this time nothing is known of neither the new owner's plans concerning the brick addition to the original building, nor of their plans concerning the barn.

**Other Business:** A suggestion was made that the Heritage Commission could offer to review grant requests for Moose Plate money submitted by the Conservation Commission for work at the Raynes Farm barn. This offer is meant to be assistance in the use of critical terms and wording.

Chairman, John Merkle, requested a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Peter Smith. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary B. Dupre  
Secretary Pro Tem