

Exeter Heritage Commission

Wheelwright Room

Exeter Town Office Bldg.

March 13, 2013

Members present: Peter Smith, Kelly Bergeron, John Merkle, Mary Dupré and Julie Gilman, Chairwoman

Chairwoman Gilman convened the meeting to order at 7:04 pm in the Wheelwright Room in the Town Office Building.

Business:

- **Wrap up Town Mapping project**

Ms. Gilman scheduled two dates for the public presentation of the Town Mapping Survey. The evening meeting on February 27, 2013 had only two attendees because of the inclement weather and they agreed to return for the Saturday March 2, 2013 morning meeting. Ms. Gilman thought that presentation went very well. She would like to add more photographs to supplement the growth maps generated from the grant report.

She's been asked to give the presentation to the Rotary Club and possibly the Chamber. Mr. Merkle suggested it be placed on the Town web site. Although it was agreed it might need to be modified. She will present it again at the next Heritage meeting; still seeking additional supporting maps/photographs to add to presentation.

- **NH Division of Historical Resources (DHR) grant program**

Ms. Gilman announced if the Town wished to be considered for a CLG grant, similar to the grant used for the Mapping project, a letter of intent must be filed by March 29, 2013 and the application received by April 15, 2013.

Possible projects were mentioned; re-submitting last-year's application for a survey on the architectural features of the High St historic district, a window restoration workshop and a walking tour with signs/plaques. Mr. Smith commented there are presently two tours in existence but both on paper. Also discussed was adapting the phone app being designed for the American Independence Museum for a walking tour but determined it could be postponed and possibly much of the work could be done internally.

To continue to focus on an area of study was discussed and agreed the Clifford St/River St. area would be timely as Zoning Board is looking at possibly re-zoning that particular area. With the departure of Al's there is the opportunity for re-development of the area. As for cost, it would be dependent on the size of area chosen. Ms. Gilman suggested the block from Court St, Bow St through the Clifford/ Franklin/ River St. area. The letter of intent just briefly describes what is proposed; costs do not have to be included. It was agreed it continues the survey work already completed. Ms. Gilman will write the letter of intent.

- **New Business**

Ms. Gilman has received forms from the NHDHR required to be completed by CLG communities listing its accomplishments. She will complete those forms pertinent and applicable to the Town and return.

Minutes approved at May 08, 2013 meeting

Again the need for new members to the Commission was raised. Ms. Bergeron suggested putting an announcement on Town Facebook page; agreed a possibility. There is the future possibility of the Town hosting an informational volunteer-type fair. There is also a need for a representative from the Historic District Commission (HDC) to the Heritage Commission with the resignation of Ron Schutz. Members will continue to reach out to possible members.

Other Business:

- **Approval of minutes for February 13, 2013 meeting**

Ms. Dupré moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Ms. Bergeron. Motion passed with Mr. Merkle abstaining.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

Ginny Raub
Recording Secretary