

Present: John Merkle, Pam Gjettum, Jay Myers, Maura Fay, Dave Sharples, and Ron Johnson representing Phillips Exeter Academy.

We went immediately to the question of the Academy Hill Bridge. The bridge is just over 100 years old and is in good shape but showing its age with some cracking spalling and general mortar repairs. Also, the lowered river has exposed parts of the banks which are showing definite erosion (mainly where people jumping into the river off said bridge climb back out onto the bank). The Academy would use Stephens Assoc. to do the repairs which they estimate will take around four to five months but it will have to fit around their athletic schedule. Mr. Johnson would like to aim for this summer but feels that may be optimistic. His application was more than complete and was approved. John will send a letter to the DHR saying that the Heritage Commission is in agreement with the Academy proposal.

Dave Sharples spoke to the Park Street Survey application. Lynn Monroe – the only applicant and the accepted bidder- wanted clarification as to the scope of the survey. Lynn can't sign a contract unless the scope is very specific as to what she is expected to do. Nadine Miller at Div. of Historical Resources wrote Dave a very sympathetic letter emphasizing that she is sympathetic to our budget concerns (what we want to do would cost \$20,000+) and what we can afford to do. So she suggests 1) using streetscape photos instead of individual buildings; 2) Using a table instead of describing every building in the district; 3) to focus on architecture as that is the focus for which we are mainly eligible and use four or five buildings to highlight. We will use the district as a whole instead of breaking it into sections. Lynn is happy with these parameters which would fit our budget. So, we are too.

The Rose Farm development project did pass the planning board last week, but nobody has contacted us since last fall when we asked if the brick building on the edge of the property could be saved and we have not heard back.

There being no other business, we adjourned just before 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Gjettum