

WOODSTOCK HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
April 25, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairperson Elaine Lachapelle. Members Jean McClellan, Kit Sears, Sky Bridgman, and Gail White and Alternate Members Lyn Smith, Donald Froehlich, and Harold Bishop were present. Norma Jean Loftus was present as a member of the public.
2. Review of Minutes. March 28, 2011. Correction: Chamberlain corrected to Chamberlin. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by K. Sears, seconded by L. Smith. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Public Comment. Norma Jean Loftus spoke to the Commission about her concern about Pulpit Rock Rd. She is aware of discussions about paving the road and that some are discussing the possibility of revoking Pulpit Rock Rd's Scenic Road designation. Ms. Loftus strongly supports the Scenic Road designation for Pulpit Rock Rd. and wants to raise awareness that it could be questioned in the future. The Commission discusses the issue. It was noted that the Woodstock Planning and Zoning Commission is currently discussing the language within the Scenic Road designation pertaining to maintenance and repair. Ms. Loftus shared a concern that recent maintenance on and along the road was changing the viewscape and noted recent P&Z approval for removal of a section of stone wall. L. Smith suggested that a map of historic resources along scenic roads might be of use during deliberations by various commission. It was suggested that many in town may not be aware of the historical, environmental, and scenic significance of Pulpit Rock and other roads. E. Lachapelle stated that Pulpit Rock Rd is not under the jurisdiction of the Historic Properties Commission but as a body concerned with preservation, the Commission should draft letters, participate in discussions, and keep aware of the situation. A motion was made by K. Sears that was seconded by S. Bridgeman to send a letter to the Woodstock Planning and Zoning Commission that details the historic, environmental, and scenic significance of the road, speaks to the importance of maintaining the Scenic Road designation, and that addresses the issue of maintenance vs. repair. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Correspondence. Notice of membership renewal from the National Trust for Historic Preservation; issue of Preservation News.
5. Old Business
 - a. Barn Inventory. Tabled until the May meeting.
 - b. Historic Properties Map. Tabled until the May meeting. J

- c. Website Development. Tabled until the May meeting.
 - d. Chamberlin Sawmill. J. McClellan reported that a HPTAG grant is being prepared for submission for funds for a feasibility study in the amount of \$2500. This grant is co-sponsored with the Woodstock Historical Society. A matching amount has been pledged by CME that will be in volunteer hours. The grant deadline is May 1. K. Sears made a motion that was seconded by S. Bridgman to co-sponsor the grant with WHS. The motion was unanimously approved. K. Sears was appointed to represent the Commission as Co-Director of the project.
 - e. Update of cell towers. J. McClellan reported that a meeting of the P&Z's cell tower sub-committee is planned for early May.
 - f. Cemetery project. Tabled until the May meeting.
 - g. Small outbuildings project. Tabled until the May meeting.
 - h. Quasset School representative. Tabled until the May meeting.
6. Adjournment . The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. on a motion by K. Sears that was seconded by J. McClellan and received unanimous approval.

Respectively submitted,
Gail White, Clerk

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