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DRACUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015

PRESENT:
Dave Paquin, Chairman
Bob Kohanski, Asst. Chairman
Harvey Gagnon
Louise Tremblay

Chairman Paquin called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Varnum Room of the Historic Building, 1660 Lakeview Avenue. The minutes of the April 15th meeting were read and approved on a motion by Ms. Tremblay and seconded by Mr. Gagnon. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:
Chairman Paquin discussed the copier and noted the service technician was in to do some maintenance and cleaning of the rollers. The copier functions, but is over 20 years old. The technician noted a lot of copiers are turned in when the leases are up and then they recondition the machines with the fewest amount of copies. Chairman Paquin further mentioned that these copiers would be less expensive than a new one and the technician indicated he would put together some quotes for the Board to consider.

51 Nashua Road (806 & 818 Mammoth Road) – For the record, Chairman Paquin referred to previous discussion concerning this property and it was stated that demolition of these properties was key in preservation of the land, however; Chairman Paquin was given some incorrect information and this is being sold separately from the rest of the land and 2 homes will be built, therefore; those 2 lots will not be part of the trust. Mr. Gagnon asked if there would still be pictures taken. Chairman Paquin noted that he had email correspondence with Mary Lou Crowley and she spoke with the Contractor doing the demo and he did not have a problem with a video being done. Chairman Paquin contacted Marc Gosselin and Wayne LaMarche, who will coordinate the video taping of both structures.

COMMUNITY INPUT:
Jim and Ellen Skrekas of 737 Mammoth Road (formerly the Prior residence), which is located across from the Cutter Farm and are interested in what qualifies properties for the National Historic Register or the possibility of establishing a Historic District in Town. In addition, Mr. Skrekas inquired if anyone in Town has received any grants or monetary credits for preserving their old structures or barns. Chairman Paquin informed Mr. Skrekas that it has not been done in Town, but it has been done on a State level and suggested contacting Secretary of State William Galvin, who is in charge of the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Mr. Gagnon noted there are no historical districts in Dracut and it is not necessary to put a house on the Historic Register. Chairman Paquin mentioned there are 2 overlay districts in Town with one being at the Mill Complex in Navy Yard and the other in the Collinsville Mill.

In further discussion, Chairman Paquin stated there is a Historical Preservation Plan and Historical Asset Survey on the Town website or there are 2 books at the library and one of those can be signed out if they prefer to review it at home. Ms. Tremblay noted the survey was prepared 2 years ago and all the information is online. Chairman Paquin added they could also obtain records and research their property at the Registry of Deeds.

On another matter, Mr. Skrekas mentioned owning a sleigh, which he would consider donating to the Historical Society. Mr. Gagnon stated there is a collection of sleighs and antique carriages in the basement and an appraisal was done back when the Prior's owned it. Mr. Skrekas indicated it needs some work, but he could donate it and use it as a write-off. Chairman Paquin stated the Historical Society would love to have it, but it could be given on a permanent loan basis should any heirs be interested in it down the road; although it could not be written-off if it was on loan. Ms. Tremblay added the Historical Society meets the 2nd Monday of the month, if they're interested in attending. Mr. Gagnon noted there are no meetings in July and August.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Paquin was pleased to announce that he was reappointed by the Board of Selectmen for another term.

TREASURER'S REPORT – None

BILLS TO BE PAID
Gas bill for $164.88
Sewer Department – 2 bills for $130.00/each
Electric bill for $324.70
Water bill for $88.20
ASAP Sprinkler inspection for $523.88
ASAP Alarm & Electrical for $810.00
Auger Alarm for $125.00
Ms. Tremblay made a motion to approve payment of these invoices and seconded by Mr. Gagnon. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

DEMOLITION PERMITS
1076 Lakeview Avenue – Ms. Tremblay motioned to approve the demolition. Mr. Kohanski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

450 Nashua Road – Ms. Tremblay motioned to approve the demolition. Mr. Kohanski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Tremblay and seconded by Mr. Gagnon.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wagner, Recording Secretary