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Richmond Heritage Commission

Minutes of Meeting Held at 7pm, December 17, 2014, at the Veterans Hall

Attending: Commissioners Carol Jameson, Hank Hallas, Susan Marsden, Sandy Laughner, and Bob Weekes. From the community: Bonnie McCarthy, Susan Roney, and Jan Weekes

Chairman Jameson opened the meeting at 7:05pm. The first order of business was a discussion of new members and changes in Commission membership which will become official at the next BOS meeting on 12/29/14, as follows:

- Susan Marsden changing to alternate member status, term expiring in March, 2015
- Susan Roney as a new member filling the remainder of Susan Marsden's term expiring in March, 2015, and reappointment for a regular three year term as of such date
- Bonnie McCarthy as new alternate member, term expiring March, 2015

Carol Jameson then discussed the possibilities for establishing a RHC fund to help finance future ventures. Carol and Bonnie McCarthy also volunteered to collaborate on possible grant applications for certain projects.

Bob Weekes updated attendees on the Town Well/Abbott Memorial installation including costs, publicity and plans for landscaping and signage next spring. In a related discussion, Bob will also explore signage design for projects undertaken by the RHC.

Discussion then turned to the RHC/RPL Town presentation to be held on January 28 (weather date Feb. 5), 2015, at 6:30pm at the Vets Hall. Finishing touches are being put into place and RHC members and RPL Trustees will work together on publicity, attendance, refreshments and cleanup.

Members then discussed RHC projects whose planning will take place over the winter months. Considered were logistics, the possibility of BOS endorsement, funding and assigning projects to interested members. Among the projects discussed were the Civil War Memorial, the Richmond Public Library and the Richmond Tramp House. Regarding the latter, Bonnie McCarthy suggested erecting a temporary shelter above the Tramp House to help protect it over the winter from further deterioration. Bob Weekes will investigate costs associated with this.

The Commission then discussed the 2014 Town Report and agreed that Bob Weekes will draft the RHC Report for review by the Commission. Several photographs that might be suitable for the Town Report were also discussed and will be forwarded to Chairman Jameson for further consideration.

Finally the Commission, with input from all members and guests present, reviewed what is known about Kinder Morgan's plans to build a gas pipeline through Richmond. The RHC plans to take a position on this venture but agreed to wait for additional pertinent information that we expect will become available in the near future at meetings already being scheduled in Richmond and neighboring towns.

After a full and very productive meeting, Chairman Jameson adjourned the meeting at 9:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Weekes, Secretary