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Richmond Heritage Commission

Minutes of Meeting held at Carol Jameson's House, 3:00pm, Friday, January 23, 2015

Attending: Carol Jameson, Bonnie McCarthy (alternate), Susan Roney, Sandy Laughner, Hank Hallas (by telephone), Bob Weekes

The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented.

Chairman Jameson informed members that Commissioner, Susan Marsden, has stepped down. All voiced thanks for her service together with our hopes that she will continue to support our efforts.

The latest developments in the Kinder-Morgan Pipeline project were discussed, including scheduled town meetings to be held in Rindge and Winchester. Members all agreed that the Commission should take a clear position in this matter and that our position should be sent to the Richmond Rooster and Keene Sentinel for publication. All also agreed that the excellent report prepared by Hank Hallas, listing the historical, cultural and environmental assets that the present pipeline route would pass over, should form the basis for RHC's position statement.

Carol Jameson reported that the town has received a new PDF map of the pipeline route and will examine same to see if it adds any new information. RHC agreed that our position on the pipeline will be finalized and submitted to the Richmond Rooster (closing Feb. 10, 2015) and the Keene Sentinel Opinion Page for publication.

Discussion then turned to the Tramp House project, with Bob Weekes reporting that a local contractor, using donated pieces of plywood, can put a "band aid" on the Tramp House roof for the winter, affording some protection from the harsh elements and possibly raising awareness that the building is in a holding position, sadly in need of restoration. This "patch work" could be done for \$100. Bonnie McCarthy immediately volunteered to fund this work if approved by the BOS. Carol Jameson will follow up with the select board.

The Tramp House is a subject that will be addressed in the joint RHC/RPL presentation, "The Changing Face of Richmond" to be given shortly at the Vets hall. Carol and Bonnie will also explore a Moose Plate Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to help underwrite Tramp House restoration. A letter of intent must be submitted by March 16, 2015.

A RHC write-up has been sent to Town Hall for inclusion in this year's Town Report. Bob Weekes will send Hank Hallas a copy of the report.

Town signage was also discussed. Historical signage has been on our agenda since last March when the commission began its work. We just learned that the Richmond Community Development Association, which has been steering the remediation of the 4 Corner Store property, has just decided that it will add town signage to its agenda. Commissioners discussed the fact that the RHC has made it clear from the outset that we wish to work collaboratively with other town entities to keep channels of communication open and avoid duplication of effort, especially when it comes to matters of historical and cultural significance. Hank Hallas urged our Commission not to vacate this role when it comes to town signage. All agreed.

Final plans, publicity and content for the upcoming Vets Hall presentation, "The Changing Face of Richmond," were discussed, together with contingency plans should a major snow storm occur.

Carol adjourned the meeting at 5:15pm.

Respectively submitted,

Bob Weekes, Secretary