

Minutes of Historic District Commission Dec.6 2005

Called to order at 7 pm

In attendance; Charles C. Hugo, Daniel Boyle, Tom Johnson, George H. Muller

Minutes of the November 1 meeting were unanimously accepted.

Treasurers report: No money has been spent

Agenda: National Register of Historic Places

Discussion on what role the Commission wants to take in regards to getting more homes in town on National Registry

Discussion on Transitional Zoning, what effect it will have on Historic District and town in general.

It was ascertained that most of the requirements to get on Registry have been met through volunteer work costing a lot of time and effort, it was estimated by T. Johnson, that the work done so far could cost approximately \$20,000, if done by a company.

There are no costs to the Town of S. Berwick being on the Registry but it could be an opening for Grants.

It will not effect the homeowners in any negative way, no restrictions etc.

It is an Honor and recognition to be on the Registry.

There will be a presentation made by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Date not set but we are looking at some time in Feb.. The public is invited , especially those whose houses could be on the Registry, as is the Town Council.

Charles C. Hugo stepped down from his post as chair of Commission.

Dan Boyle was nominated for chair, Tom Johnson made motion George Muller seconded motion.

All members present voted Aye none No.

Dan Boyle is now new chair.

The Odd Fellows have been contacted several times by Commission to paint the building, they will be informed that they have till end of May 2006 to comply (painting season is over for 2005)

A general discussion on how to work together with Planning Board especially with the transitional zoning ordinance change, and in general to coordinate working together.

We will attempt to have a joint meeting with the Planning Board.

There was a vote to change the Commission meeting Date to the **2. Tuesday** of the Month so as not to collide with Planning Board meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Minutes by George H. Muller

