

Minutes of the Heritage Committee
Feb. 21, 2012 – Town Hall Conference Room – 7 p.m.

Members present: William Hansen, Jack Quinn, Arnie Magid, Chet Kuras, William Moncrief, and Roger Ives
Absent: R. Wilcox, M. Winne

Chairman William Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
Citizen Comment: None

Minutes – Mr. Quinn moved to approve the minutes of the Jan. 17, 2012 meeting; Mr. Magid seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote, as distributed.

Open Space subcommittee – Mr. Moncrief mentioned that the Town Planner Mr. Hawkins is reviewing the Open Space regulations and seeking input. It was noted by Mr. Ives that the same percentage of Open Space for Suffield remains at 55% (% of developable land) and with up to date land figures, is now 1302 acres.

Commercial subcommittee – Mr. Quinn noted that there are now two parking barrier poles in front of the Red Box video vending machine in the Mountain Market Plaza. He has consulted with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Taylor will consult with the Fire Marshal about Fire Lane issues. People who use this video vending machine sometimes park in the Fire Lane. Mr. Quinn will keep HC updated.

It was reported that the Town has contracted for a Feasibility Study for the Rehabilitation of Ff Tyler Place. The study is to be completed in 90 days and is funded by a private grant and the Economic Development Commission. The Town will go forward and seek Requests for Proposals for Bridge Street School. Previously Requests for Expressions of Interest had been sought and 9 responses had been received.

Conservation Commission update – No Report

Zoning and Planning Commission update – On the Z & P agenda next Monday, is a proposed 7 home development on South Main Street and its Public Hearing. The Committee briefly reviewed the proposed plans for “Hamlet on South Main” Street.

Signage

Mr. Hansen will be meeting with the EDC Director Patrick McMahon to ascertain the requirements of the sign matching grant fund; how much is available per sign, and what is the procedure to apply for said grant. This grant is funded by the Economic Development Commission. He believes that this sign grant will help with the revision of existing signs. It would certainly reduce the cost of new signs. He will keep HC up to date.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary to the Heritage Committee
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