

Minutes of The Heritage Committee  
Nov. 19, 2013 – Town Hall – 7 p.m.

Members present: Jack Quinn, Ray Wilcox, Chet Kuras, Roger Ives  
Absent: W. Hansen, M. Winne, A. Magid

Vice Chairman Jack Quinn called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Citizen Comment: None

Minutes: Mr. Kuras moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2013 regular meeting of The Heritage Committee; the motion was seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Commercial subcommittee update:

It is noted that the new candy/shop on the second floor over the Scoop de Jour Shop has opened. The Design Review Board approved the sign design and the sign is now installed on the south side of the building. The Suffield Inn has been leased, and it is anticipated to open by Christmas under a new name; the lessee will have to come before the Design Review Board for the sign approval. The Committee noted that the Suffield Hardware Store is for sale.

Open Space/Farmland Preservation Program - Mr. Ray Wilcox reported that there are no State funds for the Small Farm grant program yet. There are two active applications for possible submittal for the Farmland Preservation grant program. They have been ranked and could be new applicants for next year. Mr. Wilcox noted that the Town has not closed on the Bielonko property.

Conservation Commission – Mr. Wilcox reported that the Suffield Academy will bring their project plans (small housing, dining hall expansion, etc.) to the December meeting.

Zoning and Planning Commission – Mr. Chet Kuras reported that Mrs. Binns had resigned from the Commission, and is now the Secretary for the Zoning and Planning Office and for the Commission. A three lot subdivision on the Dewhirst property was approved. A four lot subdivision, Ratley Road and Oak Street, was approved. The parsonage of the First Church change from a residential use to a commercial use was approved. It was noted that the requested text amendment to the zoning regulations regarding “hobby farming” was denied by the Commission. Mr. Kuras also reported that Suffield, as determined by The Notable Tree Committee, has the largest willow tree in the United States.

WPCA – Mr. Ives stated that it is most unlikely that any action will be taken soon around the Congamond Lakes in West Suffield due to the cost.

Signage – The Olsen Farm sign – Mr. Hansen will bring the committee up to date at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie C. Kling Secretary

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