

TOWN OF HEBRON
HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
RUSSELL MERCIER SENIOR CENTER
MARCH 10, 2010
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Members Present: D. Watson, L. Bordick and M.A. Foote

Members Absent: D. McCalla and R. Cassata

Alternates Present: S. Morin and B. Tarbell

1 CALL TO ORDER

D. Watson called the Regular Meeting of the Hebron Historic Properties Commission to order at 7:08pm. Regular members present at the Call to Order are D. Watson, L. Bordick and M.A. Foote. B. Tarbell is seated for R. Cassata and S. Morin is seated for D. McCalla.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 17, 2010, Special Meeting

It was noted that B. Tarbell should be listed as an absent alternate member. It was also noted that the motion to adjourn vote should be corrected to 3-0-0.

Motion:

M.A. moved to approve the February 17, 2010, Special Meeting minutes as amended. S. Morin seconded and the motion passed (3-0-2, L. Bordick and B. Tarbell abstained).

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. OBSERVATION POST DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

L. Bordick provided members with a copy of the grid which outlines the locations previously considered, as well as their pros, cons and estimated setup costs. M.A. Foote stated that she visited the Town Office Building Complex and thought that an additional site located between the gazebo and the stone benches should also be considered. She also noted that the tower needs to be put on and that plexiglas be considered so that visitors could look up into the tower from below. L. Bordick stated that she would add another row to the grid for the location between the gazebo and the benches.

L. Bordick stated that the Commission should consider proposing the project in phases in their recommendation to the Town.

After discussion, the Commission members agreed that the area between the gazebo and the existing benches at the Town Office Building Complex is the best location to house the observation post, the second recommendation is in between Rte. 85 and the parking lot also at the Town Office Building Complex and, the third recommendation is for near the Gull School House.

Motion:

L. Bordick moved that the Hebron Historic Properties Commission recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Aircraft Civilian Observation Post #52 (a.k.a Freeman #52) be located at the Town Office Building Complex between the gazebo and existing benches with the second choice being between Rte 85 and the parking lot at the Town Office Building Complex and the third choice near the Gull School House. S. Morin seconded and the motion passed (5-0-0).

Members agreed that if this post is truly one of the last ones left, in the interest of historic preservation a stone foundation should be recommended for it because it will protect it from the wet ground. M.A. Foote noted that with the memorabilia contained in it, the post becomes a WWII memorial. Members also agreed that the artifacts which have been collected need to be housed in the post and that electricity is needed to display the artifacts. Members also discussed the need for climate control but agreed that it is unnecessary and cost prohibitive at this time.

Members discussed that the post could be run similar to the Gull School House and that a docent could be responsible for opening it at certain publicized dates and times. Members considered the American Legion as a possible docent. L. Bordick proposed that the HHPC go before the American Legion and the VFW and present their proposal prior to submitting the recommendation to the management team.

L. Bordick stated that she will draft the HHPC's recommendation to the Board of Selectmen and email it to members for feedback.

b. PRESERVE AMERICA

Members discussed that A. Tierney has received a sign regarding Hebron's Preserve America status and that the HHPC must suggest a location that this sign be placed. Members agreed that the best location for this sign is the Town Office Building and that the sign could be formally presented to the incoming Town Manager. Members also agreed that the Board of Selectmen should be invited to attend and that the press should be contacted. L. Bordick suggested that the HHPC consider presenting the sign during the week of April 26th through April 30th. It was agreed that S. Morin and D. Watson would work together to schedule this matter and get publicity for it.

c. CT TRUST BARN WORKSHOP

D. Watson stated that the workshop was a success and that seventy-nine (79) people attended. Members reviewed their street assignments for the windshield surveys of the barns and noted that their submissions are due six (6) weeks from the date the workshop, February 24th.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. PETERS HOUSE RESTORATION

D. Watson read the Board of Selectmen's February 4, 2010, resolution regarding the HHPC's charge relative to the restoration of the Peters' house and noted that a Steering Committee has been formed to guide the restoration of the property. D. Watson reviewed the individuals who have been chosen for this sub-committee noting that she herself has been named. D. Watson stated that she may not be the right person to represent the Commission on this sub-committee at this time for various reasons. D. Watson noted that the HHPC must be active as a whole with regard to the restoration process and that all members need to be completely aware of what is happening and that whoever is chosen to be the representative needs to be confident of the HHPC's position and be able to effectively communicate that position.

M.A. Foote expressed her desire to represent the HHPC on the Peters House Steering Committee. D. Watson stated that the first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16th at 11:00a.m. Members questioned if additional members of the HHPC could also be present during the meetings or if a HHPC members could be substituted in case the representative is unable to attend.

Motion:

L. Bordick moved that the HHPC appoint M.A. Foote as their representative on the Peters' House Steering Committee as a replacement for D. Watson. S. Morin seconded and the motion passed (5-0-0).

D. Watson asked commission members what they would like to see happen with the restoration of the house. L. Bordick reviewed the list contained in the RFP and members discussed that restoration of the shell of the house will be best to suit it for office and/or meeting space. D. Watson also stated that the HHPC needs to be active in obtaining additional grants.

b. LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION SITE WALKS SCHEDULE

D. Watson reviewed with members information she has gathered about how to schedule a site walk (special meeting). Members discussed and agreed that they have been invited and plan to visit the historic homes located at 44 Porter Road and 80 Hardy Road in the near future.

L. Bordick stated that she has begun to input information into local designation reports for 44 Porter Road and 80 Hardy Road. Members briefly discussed what information needs to be included in the reports. M.A. Foote stated that she would begin working on the designation reports for 44 Porter Road and 80 Hardy Road.

c. ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Members agreed that they need to start working on getting the Peters House on the National Register of Historic Places.

5. CORRESPONDENCE


None

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

M.A. Foote moved to adjourn the March 10, 2010, Regular Meeting of the Historic Properties Commission at 9:20pm. S. Morin seconded and the motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,


Jillene B. Woodmansee
Board Clerk