

# Kingston Historical Commission Minutes

## Meeting of July 13, 2006

Prior to the meeting at Town House, Historical Commission members, Craig Dalton, Walter Hoeg, Robert Murphy and Winifred Avery conducted site visits to: 6:30 pm 135 Elm St., 6:50 pm 23 Main St., 7:10 pm 277-279 Grove St. to review for demolition permits.

The meeting of the Kingston Historical Commission was called to order at 7:45 pm at the Town House. Members present were Craig Dalton, Walter Hoeg and Robert Murphy, and Winifred Avery. Meredith Hunt was absent. Town residents George and Elaine Cravenho of 279 Grove St. were present to provide information to the KHC on the demo permit application for 277-279 Grove St. Also present was town resident Mr. Roy Lockwood.

### REPORTS

Minutes of the June 22 meeting were read. Walter made a motion, seconded by Robert to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0).

Chair reported that he had submitted last approved minutes of KHC to town website for Clerk's Office approval, and would continue to do so from now on.

Chair gave Treasurer latest fiscal statement received from Town 7/6/2006 that does not show expenditures from FY 06 for Books.

### ONGOING BUSINESS

- KHC DEMO permit 06-05 Received Re-application for property on 29 Maple St. All information seems to be in now for Demo Plan, (from previous application). Robert made a motion, seconded by Walter: **"Move that the KHC delay discussion on this demolition application until August meeting."** Vote was unanimous in favor. (4/0)
- KHC DEMO permit 06-06 Reviewed site visit to 135 Elm St. Garage/Barn. No historical significance could be associated with the property, and the construction methods were fairly recent. Winifred made a motion, seconded by Robert: **"Move that the KHC determines that the Garage/Barn outbuilding, as described on plan, behind the home at 135 Elm St., is not historically significant"**. Vote was unanimous in favor. (4/0) The Commission would still like to see some attempt made at the reuse of this structure if at all possible, either on the new lot, or the lot it was originally built upon. Craig to draft a letter to owners notifying them of approval and the request.
- Once again, a request was made for volunteers to be on the 40R Design Review Drafting Committee. There were none.
- ZBA continued hearing on Shepherd Funeral Home application to August 16th at 7:40 pm. Commission members and Mr. Lockwood, have noticed work going on there, and stated that one of the stone signs had been removed already.
- Commission reviewed and finalized Historical Resources that are to go into new Community Preservation Plan for the CPC. Craig to submit to Chair of CPC.
- Chair related letter from Mr. Basler concerning designation of Rte 106 and Main St. between Tura's Corner and the Point. Commission will talk to Mr. Basler as to why Rte 106 and Rte 27 can't provide the connection that the National Highway Administration seems to require. Both Main St. and Evergreen Streets are excellent candidates for Scenic Road designation. Chair and Walter to discuss with Mr. Basler at meeting next week.

### NEW BUSINESS

- KHC DEMO PERMIT 06-07, 277-279 Grove St. Mr. & Mrs. Cravenho reviewed their plans for the subdivision and sale of this property, and the needs to remove the outbuilding between the home on 277 Grove St. and the Barn, which will go with the 279 Grove St. property. They provided description of inside of the structure and photos of the exterior. KHC site visit team could not access interior of structure during site visit. Winifred made a motion, seconded by

Robert, that: **“Move that the KHC determines that the outbuilding, as described on plan and photos, between the barn at 279 Grove St. and the house at 277 Grove St. , is not historically significant”**. Motion carried unanimously (4/0). The Commission will request that the applicants delay in demolishing the structure until the last possible moment in hopes that a single purchaser will take both properties, thus negating the need for the outbuilding's demolition. Craig to draft a letter to owners notifying them of approval and the request.

- KHC DEMO PERMIT 06-08 23 Main St. Commission discussed site visit, and information received by Chair from new owner. Commission is uncertain as to the extent of the exterior work, as described verbally and by what is on the Building Permit application. Walter made a motion, seconded by Robert, that: **“Move that the KHC delay decision on historical significance of this structure until it receives more information from the applicant as to what exterior work will be done.”** Motion carried unanimously (4/0). Craig to draft a letter to owners notifying them of the request.
- Discussed communications with Mr. James Griffis via email and telephone concerning proposed wind turbine site at the Kingston Waste Water Treatment Plant. He is trying to ascertain if there would be any historical problems with the construction of a wind turbine at this site. He is already aware of Pulpit Rock. Craig is still awaiting the receipt of a photo showing the three proposed locations. Commission is requesting historical and archaeological information on this site, in order to respond to Mr. Griffis inquiry.
- Received a memo on the need for assistance on the Town Official's Brunch. Walter is going to assist at the reception table.
- Winifred compiled information on the Suprize Hose House and on Bilbad Washburn's Tavern, and read the report to the Commission.
- Mr. Lockwood asked if anyone noticed that they were going to hold a hearing on the removal of two mature trees on Center St. The Commission was unaware, but noted that this is the proper procedure if they were going to cut down large trees alongside a roadway.
- Commission will only hold one meeting in August: August 10. Robert made a motion, seconded by Walter, that: **“Move that the KHC cancel its scheduled August 24th meeting and hold only one meeting during the month of August, on August 10, 2006.”** Motion carried unanimously (4/0). Walter to post cancellation of the regularly scheduled meeting for August 24.

## PROJECT REPORTS

- Robert reports that he still only needs to make copies of the LHD submission. Nothing done as of this date. Chair requests that other LHD member, Walter, keep reminding Robert.
- Walter still to schedule meeting with Highway Dept. Supervisor, Carrie, Walter and Craig to view objects and discuss where to put the bounds, flagpole and street signs.
- No work on Preservation Plan or any new Comprehensive Survey work.

Robert made a motion, seconded by Winifred: **“Move we adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 10th at 7:30 pm.”** Motion passed unanimously (4/0).  
Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Craig Dalton

Cc: Board of Selectmen  
Town Clerk  
Town Website