

**Minutes
Kingston Historical Commission
November 10, 2010
Town House, Room 101
7:30 p.m.**

The meeting was **called to order** by the Chairman at **7:40 p.m.**

Members present: Robert Murphy, Craig Dalton, Walter Hoeg, David Pepe, Art Mullaney, Frances Hoeg

Members absent: Gregg Bouley

Visitors: Duane Frey (Heritage Center Committee), Ralph Calderaro (Jones River Historical Society), Elise Freda (property owner 187 Main Street), Pine DuBois (Jones River Landing and Jones River Watershed)

SHIVERICK BOAT PROJECT:

Mr. Calderaro gave a presentation on Shiverick catboats. The Historical Society is asking for partial funding to restore the 17 foot Baclaju, one of 8 Shiverick catboats in existence. The project will be supervised by two experienced shipwrights and involve interns from the Silver Lake High School Carpentry program. Once restored, the boat will be used by the Kingston Recreation Commission, the Kingston Yacht Club, and the summer sailing programs at Jones River Landing.

JRVHS is seeking a letter of support to the Kingston CPC for funding of the project. Total cost of the project will be \$110,000. JRVHS is seeking \$55,000. They have also applied for grants with The 1772 Foundation, and The National Park Service. JRVHS will own the boat for maintenance and preservation purposes. The work on the boat will be done at the Landing.

On a **motion by David Pepe, seconded by Robert Murphy**, it was **voted unanimously** to send a letter of support to the CPC for the Shiverick Boat project.

HERITAGE CENTER RENOVATIONS:

Ms. Frey presented an update on the renovations to the Adams Library. The architects' drawings were shown, highlighting the new addition with elevators, as well as updated office space plans. The front door will require a variance for limited use due to handicapped accessibility. Without the variance it can only be used as an emergency exit.

The Heritage Center Committee is seeking a letter of recommendation to the Massachusetts Historical Commission supporting the request for the variance.

On a **motion by Walter Hoeg, seconded by David Pepe**, it was **voted unanimously** to send a letter of support to the Massachusetts Historical Commission recommending the variance. The letter will be written by the Chairman and given to the Heritage Center Committee for inclusion in their packet.

DEMO PERMIT 187 MAIN STREET:

The owners are proposing an addition to the house. There will be no changes to the exterior of the house. Addition will contain the same board and batten walls. Changes that will be made are to the interior of the house. Addition does not affect historic significance of the house, so a demolition permit is not required. Internal modifications do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Historical Commission.

On a **motion by David Pepe, seconded by Fran Hoeg**, it was **voted unanimously** that a demo permit is not needed and the renovations to 187 Main Street can commence.

RESTORATION OF HOLMES BOAT SHED:

Pine DuBois gave a presentation on the condition of the Holmes Boat Shed. The Nate Watson Boat Shed was previously restored completely. A second boat shed, the Holmes Boat shed is now in need of restoration as well. In the first restoration the original pilings were used, as well as some of the original materials. The Holmes Boat Shed requires restoration funding of approximately \$42,450.00 for completion. The Landing is seeking this funding from the CPA for the project. They would like to eventually create a historic district along the riverfront. They are asking for a letter of support from the Commission to the CPC for the Holmes Boatshed Project.

On a **motion by Robert Murphy, seconded by Fran Hoeg**, it was **voted unanimously** to send a letter of support to the CPC for the Holmes Boatshed Renovation/ Restoration Project.

CONSTRUCTION OF TRIPHAMMER PARK:

The Jones River Watershed Association is seeking support for funding for the construction of the Triphammer Park Historic Pavilion. They are requesting \$15,000.00 from CPA funds.

On a **motion by David Pepe, seconded by Walter Hoeg**, it was **voted unanimously** to send a letter of support for the Triphammer Pavilion Project.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman updated the Commission on recent correspondence:

- Letter from Massachusetts Historic Commission on the Calista and Hall Properties
- No information from Massachusetts DOT on Elm Street Bridge project

CPC application on Archaeological Survey has been completed. Need to apply for a matching grant from Massachusetts Historical Commission. Walter and Fran Hoeg will hand deliver the grant application to Mass Historic by the due date of November 15, 2010.

Heritage Center Development Committee needs a member from the Historical Commission. David Pepe volunteered to serve on the committee.

On a **motion by Craig Dalton, seconded by Walter Hoeg**, it was **voted unanimously** to have David Pepe serve as the Historical Commissions representative to the Heritage Center Development Committee. Fran Hoeg will send a memo to the Selectmen and the Heritage Center Committee announcing this appointment.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Local Historic District:

Robert Murphy wrote a letter to Secretary Galvin regarding dissatisfaction with the local historic district process. Tom Bott reported that the process is now moving along and he hopes to have information ready for the Commission soon.

Elm Street Bridge:

Craig stated that he sent a letter about the bridge designs. We are still awaiting the new designs.

On a **motion by Robert Murphy, seconded by David Pepe**, it was **voted unanimously** to adjourn at **9:15 p.m.**