

KINGSTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Members present were Robert Murphy, Walter Hoeg, Craig Dalton, Gregg Bouley, Winifred Avery, and David Pepe. Absent was Kevin Voigt. Also in attendance were Dr. Courtland Harlow Jr., his son Courtland Harlow III and Mrs. Helen Gavin.

Dr. Harlow was present to discuss his property at 24 Sunset Rd. in the Rocky Nook part of Kingston. He is working on obtaining a demolition permit for the property and because of the age of the house the KHC needs to sign off on the permitting process before the permit can be issued. Dr. Harlow presented the KHC with a brief background of the property that has been in his family for many years. He had started to remodel the property in the 1970's and had more renovations done in the 1990's. The house is currently boarded up and used by Dr. Harlow just for storage. His plan is to demolish the property, saving what can be recycled and/or resold, and to put up a new structure on the property. It was decided that the KHC would meet at the property on Sunday December 14th at 12:00 to view the property before any decisions were made. Dr. Harlow provided the Commission with historical photos and information on the home. Walter to post the upcoming meeting.

Mrs. Gavin expressed her concerns regarding the pending request for a 40-B project that has been proposed for the area between the approved 40-R project (1021 Kingston Place) and Smelt Pond. She feels that the potential in finding historical artifacts in the area, probably of Native American origin, is quite probable and believes that the area has never had a proper survey done. A letter will be written requesting a survey to be done around the area of the proposed project. Mrs. Gavin provided the Commission copies of previously completed archeological surveys for the adjacent areas.

Minutes of 10/23/08 were reviewed and passed 6/0 after a motion by Gregg, and 2nd by Winifred. Minutes of 11/13/08 were reviewed and passed 6/0 after a motion by Gregg, and 2nd by Robert.

Craig purchased an assessors' book from AIR Graphics of Quincy, MA. for use by the KHC. The price to be approx. \$20. The book will be marked to indicate what properties have already been surveyed so as to plan what additional properties that need to be surveyed. Also, copies of select pages were given to KHC members to mark current locations on properties of houses, outbuildings, barns, wells etc. as well as indicating possible age. These will be used as an informal guide for potential surveys and will serve as a contemporary guide for the KHC in the future.

We received a copy of a letter from Tom Bott regarding the Maple Ave School and the availability of possible grants for use assessment studies. The Commission is going to pursue these grants.

Craig will continue to be the KHC representative to the CPC.

Motion @ 9:45 by Dave to adjourn, 2nd by Robert. Motion passed 6/0

Submitted by

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Cc: Town Clerk
Selectman