

# Town of Sheffield Historical Commission Meeting

February 11, 2014

Present: Dennis Sears, Chair; Michael King, Catherine Miller, Gay Tucker, Jeffrey Waingrow

Absent: Patricia Elsbach, Kathy Orlando

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Minutes of the December 2, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

Demolition Delay By-Law The Chair had incorporated the modifications recommended by legal counsel into the 10.07.13 draft prepared by the Commission. The group reviewed the revision of the draft by-law, and on a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the 02.11.14 draft by-law. (5-0-0)

It was agreed that the Commission should discuss the proposed by-law with the Board of Selectmen, the Building Commissioner, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Ashley Falls Historic District Commission. The Chair will work to establish meeting times for multiple groups at one time.

Community Development Block Grant The Commission reviewed a draft letter to the Department of Housing and Community Development to support the application of the Towns of Sheffield and Great Barrington for a Community Development Block Grant. On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to send the letter as drafted. (5-0-0)

36<sup>th</sup> Annual Presentation Awards Program Administered by the Massachusetts Cultural Commission, the Preservation Awards Program recognizes preservation projects and programs that have displayed outstanding commitment to historic preservation in Massachusetts. On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to nominate Milton Barnum, post humously and James R. Miller, each for his countless volunteer hours of preservation work. (5-0-0)

MHC Grant Monies The Massachusetts Historical Commission has announced another round of grants. Several ideas were discussed and it was agreed that monies should be used to update and add new Form B's. On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to have the Clerk contact two or three grant writers to ascertain availability and interest in writing a grant for the Commission for monies to address this project. (5-0-0) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to use the monies, if received to update and create Form B's for selected properties along Route 7 from the Marble Turn Out to Route 7A. (5-0-0)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33. **Next Meeting 03.11.14**

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine B. Miller, Clerk

