

Town of Sheffield Historical Commission Meeting

March 11, 2014

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

Absent: Patricia Elsbach

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Dennis Sears, Chair.

Minutes: On a motion duly made and seconded (Waingrow/King, it was voted to accept the minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2014 as presented (5-0-0). On a motion duly made and seconded (King/Waingrow), it was voted to accept the minutes of the meeting of February 27, 2014 as presented (5-0-0).

Chair's Report on Meeting with Selectboard: Dennis Sears that on two selectmen were present at the meeting and that the response was positive with respect to placing the item on the warrant for the May Town Meeting. The Selectboard will vote on whether to support the item at the next meeting.

Report on Number of Demolished Buildings: Catherine Miller reported that Tom Carmody indicated that in his eight year tenure as Building Commissioner three (3) buildings had been removed at Berkshire School, two (2) buildings had been removed at the Primex site and one (1) building had been removed in Ashley Falls following an extensive fire. Michael King mentioned the removal of the barn at the Martin site on Berkshire School/Salisbury Road. It was the consensus of the group that none of these would have met the guidelines of the proposed demolition delay by-law.

Public Hearing on Proposed Demolition Delay By-Law: Monday, March 31 at 7:00 pm was selected as the first choice for a public hearing, with the alternate to be Tuesday, March 25. Dennis Sears will confirm date with the Town Administrator and arrange for the posting and newspaper notice.

The format will be similar to that used with the Planning Board and Selectboard.

Open Meeting Law Materials: Dennis Sears provided each Commissioner with a copy of the slide presentation that was done by Mark R. Reich, Esq. on February 12, 2014.

The being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine B. Miller, Clerk