

Town of Sheffield Historical Commission Meeting - January 5, 2016

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm.

Minutes: On motion duly made and seconded (Waingrow, King respectively) it was voted to accept the minutes of October 27, 2015.

Dennis opened the meeting. He said that he talked with Herrington's Hardware Store and Troy Yulfo. The source of the conversations were the replacement of Troy's barn roof situated next to the blacksmith shop at 97 Berkshire Road. However, the roof has been replaced without assistance from the Historical Committee. This fact lead to further discussion about the Commission's position of contributing to the maintenance of historically significant structures in the community and how that could be implemented.

Michael stated 3 "themes" to start the process:

1. develop a pro-active approach to what we have accomplished in 2015
 - a) each committee member nominate a structure to pursue and then 1-2 structures will be chosen to study.
2. "start to work on the fact that the SHx Comm. is a conduit for information for interested persons"
3. finish work that has been done in the past year and use it

Kathy proposed that our budget be increased so the Comm. can hire a professional to do the Form B. She also suggested that the increased budget could help create a database for people to use in finding financial help.

Gay presented plans for 2016 with a summary of work accomplished in 2015. Each member received a hard copy.

Some of the highlights of the plan concurred with what had been discussed earlier:

- define what we want to achieve in 2016 and how to deliver those goals
- SHx C should be a conduit of information for restorations by owners of historical structures-

ex: find builders who know how to restore historical structures
provide resource for architectural restoration

Dennis made a point that the historical narrative of structures will stay local, not go into MACRIS

Next planned meeting ShxC will be held January 26, 2016.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm (Miller, King)


Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Elsbach, acting Clerk