

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
TOWN OF JAFFREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Draft Minutes

June 6, 2019

Present: Rick Stein, Frank Sterling, Kit Schiele, Jack Minter
Unable to attend: Maryjean Perry, Ron Reid, Rich Pedott

In the absence of Ron Reid, Rick Stein called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Minutes of February 7 and April 4, 2019 meetings were approved.

Rick Stein updated the commission on JCVIS tree care in Centennial Park which included removal of a large maple at corner of Main and Bryant Streets and another tree clearing toward stream area. More clearing will be completed along Bryant Road. The JCVIS also has appropriated funds for the new shed roof adjacent to Old Meeting House. Rick reported that he asked a field representative from the N. H. Historic Preservation Alliance (in Concord), to come meet him and other interested VIS and HDC members to learn what we can about best practices in maintaining/improving Jaffrey Center, as well as using any State resources we may not yet be aware of. The representative will be here Weds. June 19th, at 3PM, meeting outside the Meeting House, and then walking the district with those interested to size it up.

The owners of the Wetherall House on Harkness have begun a roofing project. Frank Sterling spoke with Rob Deschenes, Zoning Dept., about the roof at Wetherall House. No building permit is required according to Rob Deschenes. Rob will stop by the house to check on what the owners are doing. Rob will remind them they need to check with HDC for approval of shingle type.

The Committee discussed the intersection of Main Street, Harkness Triangle & Bryant Road. There isn't a warrant article at this time for the closing off of the lowest portion of Harkness Road which is subject to recurrent flooding because of the faulty subterranean culvert (for which no repairs are to be undertaken). But it may be something to consider for next Spring. The asphalt there is in very poor shape, and due to be replaced this year, but will likely not long endure with said flooding. The affected intersection is dangerous given the multiple roads converging and could be a positive and safer configuration in the HDC.

The need for better communication between owners living within the historic district and the commission were considered so residents are mindful non-compliance issues so issues do not arise for residents. Ideas considered were sending a yearly letter with highlights and guidance reminders, producing an updated HDC Guidelines booklet, and encouraging ways to produce the information more cheaply including providing on line.

PLANNING BOARD: Frank mentioned that Amy Meyers will be stepping in as a board member.

SELECTMEN: Nothing to report

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

The next meeting of the Commission will be August 1, 2019 at the **Jaffrey Town Offices** at 6pm (no meeting in July). Meetings are open to the public. Minutes are posted at the Town Offices, the Post Office, and on the town website at <http://www.townofjaffrey.com/historic-district-commission>.

Respectfully submitted,
Kit Schiele, Secretary