

**Rockingham Historical Commission (CLG) Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 6:30pm**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Development Office, Town Hall**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** John Leppman, *Chair*  
  
Christy Hotaling, *CLG Coordinator*

**Agenda:**

1. 2015 CLG Grant (Sept. 2015—Sept. 2016)
2. New Speakers Series: “*The Importance of Historic Downtowns*”
3. CLG Membership
4. Other Business

**Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.**

**Minutes of December 10, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved pending a vote**

**1. CLG Grant Overview**

- CH informs the Commission that the CLG has recently applied for our annual grant funding for the period 09/15-09/16. The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation has requested that the CLG communities focus their projects on Historic Surveys. This grant will fund two projects. The first will be a historic survey of the Town’s hamlets: Bartonsville, Brockways Mills and Cambridgeport. JL asks about Cambridgeport- half of the main street lies in Rockingham and the other half lies in the town of Grafton. JL would like to know if we will be able to include the historically significant buildings which lie over the town line. CH would like to include these buildings as they are significant to the history of the hamlet. CH will discuss this predicament with the Division for Historic Preservation. If there is enough state funding available the second project will fund the reprinting of two historical brochures: “*The Rockingham Meeting House: Constructed 1787-1801,*” and, “*Bellows Falls Neighborhood Historic District: Self-Guided Walking Tour.*” CH asks JL if the Rockingham Meeting House Association would consider aiding the CLG in paying for the reprinting of the Meeting House Brochures? The total cost of reprinting will be \$684.00 of which the CLG is responsible for paying \$273.00. JL believes that this would be an appropriate project for the Association to contribute to; he will discuss this with the Association at their next meeting.

## **2. New Speakers Series**

- CH introduces a new speaker's series "*The Importance of Historic Downtowns*," which will feature a series of speakers discussing the importance of preserving, celebrating, and reworking historic architecture in our downtowns. The first speaker will be Dan Scully a local architect who designed the WayPoint Center. Dan will give a talk at the Rockingham Free Public Library on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 pm. The subject of Dan's talk will be "Historic Architecture in Bellows Falls: Its Importance and Place in a Sustainable Future." CH and JL discuss other upcoming CLG sponsored speakers including Paul Wainwright "*Colonial Meeting Houses of New England* (Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 10am). JL owns his book, of the same title, and will bring it to our next meeting. The other event, in partnership with the Rockingham Free Public Library, will feature Howard Coffin discussing Vermont's role in the Civil War (Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm).

## **3. CLG Membership**

- CH says that the CLG has not received any inquiries of interest from the RFP requesting new CLG members. CH and JL agree that the Commission needs to do some ground work and individually invite community members whom we think may be well suited.

## **4. Other Business**

- JL requests that next year's Town Report should have a description of the work that the CLG does, our mission and a list of our Commission members. CH agrees.

**Meeting adjourns at 7:15 pm**

**Meeting notes submitted by Christy Hotaling, CLG Coordinator.**