

**Rockingham Historical Commission (CLG) Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 5:00pm**  
**Development Office, Town Hall**

**MEETING NOTES**

**Present:** John Leppman, *Chair*  
Charlie Hunter  
Myles Mickle  
Christy Hotaling, *CLG Coordinator* (“CFH”)

**Agenda:**

1. Discuss CLG Projects for 2017
2. Other Business

**Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm.**  
**Minutes of July 7, 2016 are unanimously approved**

**1. Discuss CLG Projects for 2017**

- **Old House Awards** – JL discusses the timeline for the Old House Awards. The Commission agrees on the following: in May the Commission will release a statement requesting nominations, nominations will be due in July and the Commission will meet to discuss the nominations at that point, the winners will be announced in September, and a ceremony will be held in October. CH suggests announcing the Old House Awards in January to give homeowners the incentive to plan home restoration projects for their properties.
- **Speakers Program** – CH suggests inviting the Saxtons River and Bellows Falls Historical Societies to speak on a topic of their choice. MM informs the Commission that the Bellows Falls Historical Society is in the process of buying the TLR buildings; they could do a presentation on the project. CH proposes a presentation on the Connecticut River power dams as they are currently for sale. CH will ask Richard Ewald if he is acquainted with them or if there is another topic that he would rather present. MM will also speak with Gale Golec about speaking on a new topic related to archaeology.
- **Historic Homes Workshops** – CH suggests historic window repair; a topic that the Commission had previously discussed but hadn’t followed through on. CFH will speak with historic window specialist Sally Fishburn about possibly leading a historic window repair workshop. MM asks about having a workshop related to the replacement of knob and tube wiring and fire prevention; how to tell if you have knob & tube wiring, how to know if you should leave it alone or how to know when to replace it? CFH will ask Preservation Trust if they know of anyone who would be able to speak about this.

- **Identify Structures & Districts for Future Historic Surveys & National Register Nominations** – CFH describes what Historic Surveys & National Register Historic Districts are, what has already been surveyed and what the benefits are of being surveyed. The Commission brainstorms potential properties and districts to add to the Town’s historic survey. MM suggests Morgan’s Field; a neighborhood of Mid Century Modern homes. CH asks about the Whippoorwill Vacation Cabins. The Commission agrees to continue to look for gaps in the Town’s historic survey and compile a list of potential survey/NR projects to pull from in the future.

### **Other Business**

- JL says that he has spoken with Frank Hawkins about having a painted wooden “Open” sign made for the Meeting House; replacing the current neon plastic sign. CFH asks if we should also have “Thank You for Not Smoking” signs as well. The Commission agrees that we should. JL lays out the two points for why the Meeting House Association would like to use Frank Hawkins: one being that he is a local craftsman and the second being that his work is in keeping with the historic aesthetic of the Meeting House. The Commission agrees. JL will communicate with Frank and hope to have the signs ready by the time the Meeting House opens next spring.
- CH discusses the Minard’s Pond Pump project. CH will create the old time travel poster to help the project gain visibility and boost fundraising to contribute to the cost of the structures restoration and preservation. CFH will look into grant opportunities through the Preservation Trust of Vermont.

*The next meeting is tentatively set for November 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 5:00 pm; preferably the 10<sup>th</sup>.*

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 pm.**

**Minutes submitted by Christy Hotaling, CLG Coordinator**