

Historic Sites Committee
(a work committee of the Hyde Park Planning Commission)

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Present: Kevin Fitzgerald, Jim Heath, and Duncan Tingle
Absent: Monica Heath
Guests: None
Staff: Ron Rodjenski

1. Welcome
2. UVM Interns for Summer Inventory – Kevin thought it would be a good idea to try for another intern this Fall, this also provides a link between the town and UVM resources. Kevin agreed to contact Lisa Ryan at Preservation Trust of Vermont regarding any information she might have for a historic sites inventory app.
3. Main Street Churches
Duncan reported that the church and parish hall on West Main St are still being offered as one property for sale, and will not be sold separately, noting that his wife wondered if the properties could be used for Pre-K and K classes. No definite plans yet on what to do with the needed repairs at the church or a new building site for a new church.
4. Barns – Duncan said that he recently visited the Joneslan Farms barns and found them to be not near any other structures, except for the one apartment building across the street. Jim Heath will continue to pursue staff at the News & Citizen about a free block ad – “Do you know where the oldest barn is in Hyde Park?” or something to that effect. A partnership with a specific reuse concept will be needed before the town or other groups work on saving or rehabilitating the Joneslan barns. Kevin noted that Eric Gilbertson is available to advise the committee on barn preservation.
5. Grange – Duncan will contact Harold Bailey about visiting the Grange and then call Kevin with the time/date. Kevin will try to invite Lisa P (historic preservation consultant).
6. Town Vault – Ron noted that the Town Clerk has just finished a cleaning and climate control project for the lower level vault and there appears to be some shelving available for historic documents or artifacts. Ron will talk to Kim about the possibility of reserving some space for historic documents. Jim noted that Black River Design in Fayston should be contacted for preservation and restoration of old documents.
7. Adjourn – Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 4th at 5:00 PM