

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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

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

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1. Welcome
2. Barns – Jim Heath provided a copy of his public outreach flyer – asking the community members if they claimed the “oldest barn” in Hyde Park. Jim will ask the News & Citizen to publish. The results will be presented at the October 10<sup>th</sup> Home Day event.
3. Sites Inventory Update & CLG – Kevin reported that at a recent Preservation Trust of Vermont meeting, there was mention of a new web-based inventory tool being piloted by two Vermont towns; Hartford and Norwich. Hyde Park could have access to the system after the pilot. An intern should be pursued again to start the inventory update now that schools are back in session. Devon at a recent PTV annual meeting noted that if Hyde Park was designated as a Certified Local Government (or CLG) additional resources for preservation grant funds would be available for interested property owners. The CLG recognition requires the municipality to dedicate staff and budget funds to preservation and to adopt a preservation ordinance. Kevin agreed to bring the CLG concept to the full planning commission at their monthly meeting tomorrow. Ron noted that it was early enough to consider seeking public input through an article at the 2016 Town Meeting.
4. Grange – Ron noted that the old Hyde Park Historical Society checking account has \$1,200 in it and the account has been inactive for 2 years, since the time the Society became inactive. The FY2016 municipal budget has an additional \$1,500 for grange repairs. The town treasurer is recommending the account be closed. Ron sent an email to Carolyn Jones asking if the funds were restricted to a special purpose or for general historical society use, such as Grange repairs, programs and meeting expenses. Monica agreed that if she saw Carolyn that she would also ask the question. Jim said that a new assessment of the building should be done and Kevin stated that he knew someone that could assess the structure and recommend repairs. Potential issues are windows, roof leaks and the metal support bars running through the inside to support the exterior walls. Kevin will bring back suggestions for an inspection.
5. Adjourn – Adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 5:00 PM