



Hyde Park, VT

Historic Sites Committee

(a work committee of the Hyde Park Town Planning Commission)

MINUTES

Monday, September 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Held at Municipal Offices, 344 Rt 15 West

Members: Lindsay Reese, Liz Courtney, Monica Heath, H. Dale Porter, Andy Race, Laura Race
Guests: Seth Jensen, Senior Planner LCPC
Staff: None

Municipal Planning Grant

- Meeting in conjunction with Town Planning Commission
- Seth summarized the purpose of the grant and the benefits of applying in consortium with Eden and Waterville. He clarified that no matching funds will be required by the town and that LPC will instead provide the match in-kind through services like conducting a traffic study, for example.
- Monica reported that Eden's Selectboard has signed off on participating.
- The Planning Commission's questions having been answered, Bob Malbon signed off on the request to apply for the grant, which will now go to our selectboard for signature on 9/16/19.
- Grant application is due 10/1/19, will be awarded in December 2019.

Committee Structure & Mission

- It was discussed with the Planning Commission that the Historic Sites Committee having since its formation in 2012 shifted its focus to the Grange hall restoration and related North Hyde Park development opportunities ought to reconsider its mission and name.
- Committee members agreed that we'd like to continue focusing on the Grange/Gihon Valley Hall and NHP revitalization and therefore not continue as the broader "Historic Sites Committee."
- The "Historic Sites Committee" can remain an open entity (with no current members) and the to-be-renamed Gihon Valley Hall/NHP committee will draft a new mission statement for review in the coming month. (Lindsay will take first pass at drafting)
- It was agreed that our committee will remain a sub-committee of the Planning Commission given our interrelated purpose.
- At 6:20 the committee members relocated upstairs to continue the meeting while the PC meeting carried on.

Repairs Update

- Liz reported that, per Al Spitzer's email, the selectboard approved on 9/3/19 the bid from contractor Nathan Peters to replace the Gihon Valley Hall roof. Work is commencing this week. Brush is in the process of being cleared. Liz also reported that Al had success repositioning a support beam in the basement.
- Lindsay reported that neighbor Bruce Cubit will help remove a broken window for repair.
- Dale and Monica reported that both had been to the hall to continue cleanup and were briefly convinced that a mysterious spirit, or sneaky cat, may have moved a trophy case until they realized they each moved a separate piece.
- Dale will mow the lawn again before the 9/22/19 event.

Open House Event Planning

- Liz reported that Abby Sherman's band and Christine Malcom's band are both confirmed to perform, insurance paperwork pending. Andy and his friend will plan to do an opening act.
- Having no luck with confirming a food vendor, the idea of a chili potluck/cookoff was proposed. Liz and her husband, Laura, and Dale agreed to contribute. Lindsay will make cornbread. Andy and Laura will bring beverage dispensers and drinks. Dale and Liz will provide the tent and table.
- Liz reminded everyone that she circulated a sign-up sheet for the bake sale for both Home Day on 9/21 and the open house event on 9/22.
- Discussed the need for bowls, cups, utensils, etc. Liz will speak to Alli about ordering through the town. Dale will investigate what utensils are available in the hall's cabinets.
- Liz will contact LRSWMD about potentially helping with trash and recycling collection.
- For our Home Day table, Dale will provide the tent and sign and Liz will provide the table, chairs and tablecloth. Liz is in touch with the Community Circle about logistics.
- Dale has taken care of all signage with the help of Cutting Edge Graphics.
- Liz and Laura will bring some mats and blocks for kids. Lindsay will bring cornhole. Everyone is encouraged to bring cut flowers.

Next Meetings

- Planning for set up for the open house the evening of Friday Sept 20.
- Monday Sept 23 meeting at the Gihon Valley Hall will be a cleanup occasion.
- Monday October 14 will be next regular meeting at municipal office -- Alli to join to talk us through treasury procedures.
- Adjourned at 7:20 pm