

Minutes
Calais Historic Preservation Commission
Calais Town Office
Wednesday December 9th, 2015

Present: David Schutz, Susan Weber, Syver Rogstad, Susannah Blachley, Scott Bassage, Curtis Johnson.
Cy Lamberton, Reed Cherington

Absent: Larry Bush, Ernie Parrish

David Opened the meeting at 7:05

1. We approved the minutes, Johnson, Bassage
2. We welcomed Susannah Blachley to fill Chris Cochran's unexpired term until March of 2017. Susannah will be officially appointed by the Selectboard on January 11th.
3. Lisa Ryan and Julie Bond of Arc and Arrow Consulting joined us for the first hour of the meeting. Lisa did a good presentation of the first 28 pages of the second draft of the report. She and Julie will refine the report to address four issues throughout the report;
 1. Strengthen Language from "repair" foundation to "replace" it.
 2. Make more clear in a positive way that the charge of the Task Force was not meant to include making a recommendation about where Town Meeting happens.
 3. Making more clear in a positive way that school groups have priority in the use of the school building
 4. Change to the Action Items section along the lines of the attached "Change to Draft 2..." This makes clear that it "We" means the Task Force.

Lisa will send us a copy of the final report on 12/21. The Calais Historic Preservation Commission and the Task Force will be on the agenda of the 12/28 Selectboard meeting at the East Calais Rec center.

Lisa mentioned that the Task Force needs to stay together through Town Meeting as the Task Force will be presenting the report at that time and taking questions.

Lisa will send an editable copy of the summary for the town report for us to send on to Donna.

We talked about what to do with funds remaining from the 2015 grant. We have until 9/2016 to receive invoices for any additional work. David will talk with Laz.

4. We noted that the 3 windows on the West side are back in. The 3 east side windows and the shutters are still being worked on. We need to do a major cleanup of the upstairs of the building.

5. We talked about submitting a 2016 CLG Grant(Due 12/18) for 3 possible projects. The group agreed to leave it to David with help from Scott.

1. Tuition for HPC members to the CLG Conference in Waterbury this summer.
2. Major engineering work. Maybe for 3 levels of repair, or maybe for just Foundation and winterize the downstairs. Much depends on where we are at vis a vis the flood plain.
3. Funds to hire a grant writer.

We very briefly talked about whether to have a "resolution" about "Shall the voters accept the report of the Task Force...?" Scott reported that Donna and Denise are against the complication to an already jam packed and possible contentions Town Meeting agenda.

We adjourned at 9:10

Submitted with respect by
Scott Bassage
1/9/2016