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Calais Historic Preservation Commission

February 9th, 2022

Present: All on Zoom:

David Schutz, Scott Bassage, Susannah Blachly, Larry Bush, Karen Lane, Ryan Edwards

Absent: Dirk Van Susteren, Tobin Anderson

1. Agenda Revisions and Additions

- There were no revisions or additions to the agenda.

2. Minutes of December meeting.

- Karen moved approval of the December 8th, 2021, minutes, Susannah seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment: Community Concerns / New Information.

- Scott announced that the town has received reimbursement of \$7,980 for the 2019 Adamant Grant. All grant administration work for the CLG Grants for the East Calais Store and Adamant Nomination has been completed.

4. Update regarding Maple Corner National Register project

- David, Dirk, Steve Gallagher, Linda Gray, Brian Knight met on February 7th.
- Brian delivered an early draft of the nomination document. David will send copies to us.
- The same group will meet with Brian on Wednesday February 16th at 10 at the Maple Corner Community Store for a walk along the outlet of Curtis pond then over to the former Camp Comfort. Brian will incorporate these resources in the district.
- We discussed a public involvement meeting. Because of Covid restrictions at the Maple Corner Community Center we will not make firm plans until March.
- Ryan suggested that we could publish a Frequently Asked Questions in Front Porch Forum.

5. Certified Local Government grant application update

We got the Grant!

On February 3rd we heard from Devin Coleman State Architectural Historian, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation that on January 20, 2022, the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the Division for Historic Preservation awarded a 2022 Certified Local Government (CLG) grant in the amount of \$7,150.00 for the Calais Town History Tour Project

Devin Further informed us:

There has been an important change to the CLG project timeline. In the past, the CLG grant period has been two years. Starting with the 2022 grant cycle, the CLG grant period is now three years. This means your project must be completed no later than August 1, 2024 and submitted for reimbursement no later than September 30, 2024. Of course, if you finish the project prior to August 1, 2024, we can process the closeout paperwork and issue the reimbursement check prior to the end of the grant period.

Susannah and Tobin will meet shortly to discuss next steps. This will be a new and different and complicated project for CHPC. Susannah and Tobin will need all of us to pitch in to help.

6. Other Business

- There was no other business

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

The next meeting will be March 9th, 2022.