

Calais Historical Preservation Commission  
Meeting—September 11, 2019, 7:00 p.m.  
Calais Town Office

Minutes

Present: David Schutz; Karen Lane; Susannah Blachly; Larry Bush (recorder)  
Absent: Scott Bassage; Tobin Anderson; Jeremy Ingpen

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by David Schutz, Chair.
2. There was a brief discussion about the current status of the East Montpelier NR historic district nomination process. Karen indicated that she had not heard from Devin Colman, the Vermont State Architectural Historian, about the status of the nomination. David said that he would be meeting with Devin on Thursday, September 12, and could ask him about it then.
3. Adamant NR historic district nomination status:
  - a) Larry reported on the mailing of notification letters to landowners near Adamant in Calais and East Montpelier.
  - b) The group discussed publicity efforts for the September 25, 2019, kick-off gathering at the Adamant Community Club. In addition to the landowner letters there will be a notice in the Coop News put out by the Adamant Coop, a Front Porch Forum notice and possibly a posting on the Adamant Coop Facebook page. Larry expects to attend the Coop's September 20 annual dinner for participants in the summer cook-outs and give folks information about it.
  - c) David suggested that it would be good if old photographs of Adamant could be displayed during the kick-off gathering. When Larry said that many such photographs were on a flash drive that Scott prepared and that was mailed to the consultant Brian Knight, the group agreed that some of these photographs might serve that purpose. Larry agreed to contact Scott and ask if he might be able to make a slide show of the photos and to contact Rick Winston to find out if the Adamant Community Club has a movie screen on which to project them.
  - d) There was a brief discussion about the configuration of an historic district for Adamant, including how big it could be and whether it had to include all of a piece of property or just those portions containing historic structures.
  - e) Susannah suggested that it might be possible to organize live music for the kick-off gathering if Rick Winston were able to join her in doing so.
  - f) Dessert will be provided for attendees at the kick-off gathering. Susannah, Karen and David volunteered to bring baked goods. Apple cider will be available as well; David and Larry both offered to bring it.
4. Susannah moved to adjourn the meeting; Karen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.