

Weare Heritage Commission
FINAL MINUTES
November 30, 2010

In attendance: Chairperson Tanya Krajcik, Vice Chair George Malette and Secretary Meg Malette.

Absent: Jim Donison

Guests: John McCausland and John Flanders

The meeting was opened at 7pm.

A motion was made by Tanya and seconded by George to approve the September minutes. All were in favor.

Tanya and George brought John McCausland up-to-date on past business of the commission.

Tanya said that she would like John F's input on how the WHC can best serve the town. Get together with residents who formed the historical districts. How do you want to see the district in the future? How can we best serve you in the district? Preserve what you want to preserve.

John said that the district was formed in 2004 and passed with significant margin. John F. mentioned the boundaries of the Clinton Grove District.

Tanya suggested meeting with the other residents of Clinton Grove or other town residents to get together to conjure enthusiasm of the neighbors.

Origin of Clinton Grove Historic District included four families who thought that something should be done so that the town would support, they could live with and pass with the voters support.

The ordinance is a proponent of modest measure to ensure the voters would support the historic district (HD). Wording in a historic district can only change by support of the residents of the HD and with the support of the voters.

Tanya said that the zoning board should not be overseeing the historic district. This is illegal and does not conform with state statutes. Tanya would like the heritage commission to become the regulator of historic districts. A voice for the district and what the homeowners want in their district.

Three elements to preserve: broad landscape and physical geography; architectural integrity; and land use to be compatible with open space, field, scale, ambiance. Clinton Grove is not a densely settled village, compared to other villages in town. The village built around quiet

contemplation because of the Clinton Grove Academy. Understated feel in Clinton Grove Academy.

Tanya suggested to John Flanders that the residents get together and with the heritage commission to talk about the district; the discussion could include the reuse of Clinton Grove Academy.

Tanya said that a long term goal is to become a (CLG) Certified Local Government. One of things we need to change is to become the regulatory body of the historic districts. This is why we would like to meet with the historic districts to introduce ourselves to them.

We don't want to appear to be a bully to the historic districts. We want to be there to help the historic districts by overseeing the rules and regulations that the historic district residents put into place.

With regard to the Mt. Dearborn Historic District zoning language, it doesn't have enough "teeth." It needs to be more specific; more details. Residents are in control of making the guidelines, which needs to be approved by the voters, similar to condominium associations.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Malette

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Secretary