

Minutes of the 101 Mill Road Committee March 2, 2016

Member Attendees

Curtis Barton
Louise Cryts
Hugh Evans
Bill Griffin
Brian Latina
Sara Pereira

Member Absentees:

Janet Askenburg (BOS liaison)

Members of the Public in attendance:

Dave Sperry, 99 Mill

A quorum being present, Bill called the meeting to order at 7:05. The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

7:06 Public Input:

Bill asked about the impact of the cold weather on 99 Mill. Dave Sperry said there was no significant impact. Visitors have been seen at 101 Mill – their purpose is unknown at this time. Dave Sperry will visit 99Mill on Friday. There are no spring events scheduled.

7:10 Approval of Minutes

Corrections to the draft minutes were discussed and the draft corrected. A motion to approve (Louise/Sara) passed 5-0-0.

7:15 Committee reports

Louise sent a follow-up letter to Richard Silber (Lincoln, MA Pierce House representative) regarding the planned visit on April 13. We have received no answer yet. She also suggested he visit our website. The date is OK. Louise will follow-up. We would like two week's notice. The purpose of the visit is feedback from a successful operation, plus any limitations he knows of.

Bill will follow up with Gary Persichetti (DPW). Who was it that visited 101 Mill today?

Bill will also follow up with the Historical Commission – what can they provide for the Final report and decision data.

Sara is still working on the local Bridal Expositions to determine what is shown. Spring is the ideal time.

Curtis discussed the final report outline. Curtis will contact Jen McGinn, former Committee member, to determine what info she has. Round robin: more data is better than less. The Board of Selectmen will get a work product similar to the Oak Hill report. We can include an Executive Summary. The final Report is more than an executive summary of our efforts. It should reflect what we did, and our results, including briefings. The key is to brief the Board of Selectmen when our work is complete. We will include the briefing for the Fall Town meeting. That signifies the completion of our charter. We could be extended by the BOS, or not as required. We will summarize the report at the Spring Town Meeting. Bill will work on a draft briefing.

For the next meeting, the Committee should decide what we think we should display at the Spring Town Meeting. We will need pictures by the first of April. We also will need a subcommittee for the display at Spring Town Meeting. Two or three members will have to step up. The Town election is April 5, with the Spring Town Meeting being the 25th (first meeting). Dave Sperry committed to updating the 99 Mill presentation for the Town Meeting. We have two more March meetings, then one in April, plus the 13th at 101 Mill. We will discuss the actions to be taken and get volunteers at the next meeting.

Curtis will update the Final Report outline for the next meeting. We do need Historical Commission input.

We will need to revisit the decision matrix, if only to anticipate questions. We have rated historical preservation high, in part on Historical Commission inputs – we may also need the Historical Commission to help us if the property is to be sold. We note that we don't compete with other Town venues. We may be able to restore more of the building as time goes on. We will need help with the details if we have to sell the property.

8:10 Adjourn

The Committee voted (Brian/Sara) 6-0-0 to adjourn to March 16th at the same location. We will invite the Historical Commission to attend.