

## Minutes of the 101 Mill Road Committee March 16th, 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 7:02. The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **7:06 Public Input:**

99 Mill has extensive records compiled over many years. Dave Sperry has emailed pictures to the Committee. The pictures come from the previous owner's files. 99 Mill has dozens of pictures and 3X5 cards. They may go to our web site. Dave Sperry will check. He also has better pictures than those he sent. They also have lots of data. Bill suggested that we might want to appoint a subcommittee to review the data. Dave Sperry thought that was OK. It is not critical to do this. 99 Mill is looking for contractors for restoration. Note: experience shows the electric bill for the tenants is high.

### **7:10 Approval of Minutes**

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

### **7:13 Committee reports**

Hugh reported that the bushes in front of the building were being replanted. There was a DPW truck at the building this afternoon. Bill will follow up with Gary Persichetti (DPW). There has been other activity this week. Hugh also noted he had an 'Adams' relative that lived in Chelmsford some time ago.

Sara is looking at Westford bridal Exposition results. We are awaiting others. Note: there will be a small wedding in Bartlett Park in Town Center. The Open Space Stewards supported the event. They could be contacted if desired.

Brian looked at Burlington and Bedford historical properties. In one Burlington case, grant money was received. Other towns also support historical locations. We need good pictures. An example is the Francis Wyman house. The Historical Commission should have a list of Town properties. They are preparing a survey. We should put that in the recommendations. Brian will follow up on possible grant sources used by other Towns.

Sara will look at nearby Town historical sites and State lists.

Louise explained the case of the Searles School and castle in Windham NH. They use tents; it is venue only now. The events at the Castle are out of doors. Hugh noted that there were numerous Indian sites in Town that are not now available.

Curtis noted that Jen is expected to forward hard copies of the 101 Mill data she has.

Bill reported that he did not get in contact with the Historical Commission yet. We need to talk about Spring Town meeting, in particular about our display. We are in the final phase. We will brief the Board of Selectmen, then the Fall Town Meeting. Bill will send out his draft briefing for the Spring Town meeting for review on the 30<sup>th</sup>. The display could look like the Farmers' Market display. Brian can support this – discuss on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

A motion to return to public input (Brian/Sara) passed 6-0-0. Dave Sperry reported that the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MACRIS) has 14 pages of information. He will forward the link to us. We should review it.

Bill reported that he is still tracking the status of the Inspection Report and Schools review. The Schools review is in draft. We may need to ask Janet (BOS liaison) to provide status.

The way forward: we need to brief the Board of Selectmen and then Fall Town Meeting. We may need a warrant article. Our report and the article will be separate activities. We will need a new BOS liaison since Janet is stepping down. Bill will call after the election.

We have no word from DPW on the inspection. Bill will follow up.

Note that the Spring TM starts the 25<sup>th</sup>. There is usually a second date at least.

We have nothing new on the Decision matrix. It will be a report item.

The meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April is an afternoon meeting – this will be noted in the agenda. The time is 1 PM to 4 PM. There will be a building tour for the Lincoln representative, and then our normal business. Louise will notify Silber. The next meeting after that is the 27<sup>th</sup> – we may want to shift that since it is so close to Town Meeting.

**8:45 Adjourn**

The Committee voted (Brian/Louise) 6-0-0 to adjourn to March 30th at the same time and location. We will invite the Historical Commission to attend.