

Meeting Minutes

Augusta Historic Preservation Commission

April 6, 2016 at 6:30 pm

City Center, Conference Room D

Members Present: Lorie Mastemaker, Dan Stevens, Jerry Bumford, Andy Loman, Phyllis von Herrlich

Members Absent: Dale McCormick

Others Present: Betsy Poulin-City Staff, Janice Knowles Quimby, Peter Quimby

- Introductions
- Announcements
 - Saturday May 7, 2016, the Kennebec Historical Society is having a 125th Anniversary party from 2-4pm
- Minutes
 - Dan moved that the minutes be accepted as written for March 2, 2016.
 - Seconded by Jerry.
 - Vote: 4:0. Motion passes, minutes approved.
- New Business
 - 460 Cross Hill Road – Historic Building Plaque
 - Lorie presented research material by Richard Bridges. Richard confirmed material submitted by Janice and added additional deeds in the property chain. Richard believes the house was built circa 1833 and could be named the “Gardner-Smart House”.
 - Janice and Peter Quimby presented materials about the history of the property.
 - Janice is a Knowles, and the Knowles took ownership of the property in 1903. Past owners were family members as well.
 - Janice presented research showing Euriah Clark owned the property since 1762, Lot 48, as shown on a map and presented in the History of Augusta.
 - A 1797 census record notes that Clark had a dwelling on the property.
 - The neighbors were the Smarts.
 - The Randalls moved a house from the Smart’s property to add on to the existing house and they also built a barn on the property in 1873.
 - Janice’s great-great grandmother was a Cross, who lived in Vassalboro, and is part of the family where Cross Hill Road became named. Her second husband was a Randall.

- Kennedy (house historian) out of Gardiner looked at the house construction and deemed it to be mid-1700's, so Janice feels Richard's date could not be accurate.
 - The Commission decided to table the naming of the house and date determination until further research was conducted. Lorie will connect Janice and Richard Bridges to work together to firm up the research.
 - Financial Report.
 - Andy moves to approve the finances.
 - Seconded by Dan.
 - Vote 4:0. Motion passes.
 - Maine Preservation Annual Meeting, Saturday April 30, 2016 at the Cony Flatiron Building and the Viles Building. Phyllis will get Betsy a list of members interested in registering with registration forms. Fees will come from the General Account.
 - Election of Officers.
 - Phyllis moves to keep the same officers, Lorie as Chair and Andy as Vice Chair.
 - Seconded by Dan.
 - Vote. All in favor.
- Old Business
 - New Member Recruitment.
 - Janet Church Doerr's application, from March 7th, has just been forwarded to the mayor. Miscommunication caused a delay. Should Janet be approved by the Mayor, the earliest she will go before the Council is at the April 21st Business Meeting.
 - Jerry is planning on stepping down when his term expires on May 17th. A new member should be recruited.
 - National Historic Preservation Month. Tuesday May 10 or 17th at Mill Park (Andy will confirm the date). Celebration of the Farmer's Market will be occurring and AHPC will display Great Fire Commemoration Exhibit would like to have a display at the event. Use doors, Lorie will provide, to hinge together for a display. Might want a small tent to set up under in case there is not room beneath the pavilion.
 - Downtown National Register District. Betsy is meeting with Christi Mitchell on Friday, April 8th, at 9am to get copies of 1990's documentation for Water Street buildings. MHPC has free copies. Matt Nazar forwarded Betsy an email from Phyllis about what the Kennebec Historical Society has available for resources to help with the nomination project. An RFP will be issued to update any necessary materials and create the nomination paperwork.
 - Local Historic District Ordinance. The ordinance before the City Council at a special informational meeting March 31st. The proposed ordinance is moving forward to have a First Reading April 21st and presumably Second Reading May 5th. An "Augusta Historic District Review Board" will be established which

includes 7 residents of Augusta; 1 AHPC member, 2 residents within boundaries of the district, 2 business owners within the boundaries of the district and 2 additional members. Phyllis believes Demo Delay review will be split between the AHPC and the AHDRB depending on the location of the property.

Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Jerry.

Vote: 4:0 All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02.

Next Meeting May 4, 2016 at 6:30pm for a Regularly Scheduled meeting.

Minutes by Betsy Poulin, City Staff.