

**DURHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**THURSDAY April 15, 2021 -- 6:30**  
**ZOOM MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum. 6:45 pm**

In attendance: Paula Erdmann Purdy, Linda Litchfield, Lois Kilby-Chesley, Anita Sellers, Candace deCsipkes Absent: Mary Fallon, Page Crowley Atherton. Guests: George Theborge, Kathy Dion

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Amendments to Agenda**

**IV. Acceptance of Minutes m: Anita, s: Linda**

**V. Informational Exchange**

**1. Town Manager interview: Lois reviewed the process of asking the questions requested by the DHDC. The person who has been hired has been active in the Gray Historical Society**

**VI. Continuing Business**

**1. Comprehensive Plan**

☐ ☐ **Coordination with Planning Board & Codes Officer** ☐ **Talk with Town Planner George Theborge**

Mr Theborge did a short biography. He has worked with numerous committees in other towns and in Durham. He serves as the part-time Town Planner for Durham.

He was here to respond to our two objectives: 1. Modify the checklist we use; 2. Coordinate with Planner and Codes Officer. Jurisdiction of Historical sites fall to Planning Board, Codes Officer and DHDC.

As stated in the documents he sent us, Ordinance 5.14 defines the restrictions for 1. Cemeteries, 2. Archeological sites, 3. Stones, 4. Schools, 5. buildings recognized on the National Register of Historic Places. For more specific information refer to the documents.

Mr Theborge reviewed the ten Identified sites Durham. Five are on the register and five are eligible. He reviewed pages 6 and 76 of the Castine Design Manual among others from the Castine and Topsham documents

He emphasized that the Maine Historic Preservation Commission will help us out if requested. He has been working closely with Bob Forest, Codes Officer, on the requirements for the Town.

Meeting the requirements of the Standards of the Secretary of the Interior falls into three categories: 1. Preservation, 2. Restoration, 3. Reconstruction

There are three levels of requirements: 1. Standards for the Interior Dept, 2. Town Ordinances, 3. Guidelines

He will continue to review the authority of the Planning Board and DHDC.

We returned to a discussion of Schools, in particular their demolition without considering historical value. 92 acres on Bowie Hill Road, including the Parker School, has been sold and a subdivision is planned. What requirements for restoration will be required under Durham's Ordinances? Can it be torn down? Allowed to fall down? Can/will the Planning Board require restoration/preservation/reconstruction?

In addition there is a subdivision planned within the area of 1394 and 1335 Royalsborough Road (both eligible for the registry). How will that be handled? Much of the. Weight of the decision will depend on visibility impact.

**VII.New Business**

**1. Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness**

Motion to accept the Certificate. m Lois, s Linda

After discussion the+motion was tabled until 4/29/2021

☐ ☐ Meeting: 6:30 for Commission members. 7:30 for Searles representative. April 29.

☐ ☐ Need to do before meeting:

**VIII. Other Business**

**1. Next regular meeting: May 20, 2021**

**2. Special meeting to be held April 29, 6:30**

**IX.To Do: Candy will check to see about purchase**

Candy and Anita: Letters to abutters

**X.Adjournment. m. Linda. s. Lois. 8:15**