

**Town of Effingham, New Hampshire
Historic District Commission**

**Work Session Minutes
January 23, 2017**

Present: E. Chick (Chair), S. Finn (Assistant Chair), E. Jones (Secretary), L. Espie (Selectmen's Representative)

Absent: None

The work session was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m. There were no members of the public present.

Projects/Discussions Undertaken

1) Lord's Tavern/Failure to obtain Certificate of Approval.

The Chair advised that the Town Administrator had received a request from Town Counsel (Matt Serge) for guidance from the Historic District Commission on what fines we might wish to pursue in this case. It appears that the only action taken by Counsel was the initial letter sent in August 2016, the only response to which was a voice mail message left by the property owner.

After a general discussion of the case and what fines and actions we might want to pursue, it was determined that a final vote on this must take place at a regularly scheduled meeting. The Commission will revisit the topic at our February meeting.

2) Historical Roadside Marker Program – New England Masonic Charitable Institute application.

The Commission reviewed the six specific parts to an application for a historic marker.

One of the parts of the application is the recommendation of a location. The Secretary reported that he sent a letter to the church as directed at the January meeting. A response to the letter was hand delivered to the Town Offices, who forwarded it on to the Chair. The Church, via its Elders, indicated in their response that they fully support the location the Commission proposes, namely on the east side of Route 153 South (Province Lake Road) on the grassy area in front of the church cemetery, across from the intersection with Town House Road.

The Commission discussed what points of information should be included on the marker in the text, as well as what supporting documentation might be available for each point, as required as part of the application.

Utilizing the points of information deemed most important, the Commission wrote initial draft text for the marker.

The Commission determined that the Secretary will type up the draft text, checking it against the text space guidelines for a historic marker, as described by the New Hampshire Department

of Historic Resources. If necessary to comply with the guidelines, the Secretary will tweak the draft text and email out to the Commission for review in preparation for our regularly scheduled meeting in February.

The work session was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Jones
Secretary