Town of Effingham, New Hampshire Historic District Commission

Work Session Minutes March 27, 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 6:03 p.m. There were no members of the public present.

Projects/Discussions Undertaken

1) New Hampshire Preservation Alliance – Statewide Historic Preservation Conference.

The Secretary announced that he had received a mailing about the conference and explained what the conference entails. The Commission discussed who might wish to attend and how much of the expense can be absorbed by our budget. The early bird deadline for registration is April 1st. This would save \$10.00 per person.

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

The Commission reviewed the draft text for the marker, noting each fact and determined a source for that information for each. Sources for all facts could be definitively determined with the exception of the year in which the Town began using the building for offices and town meetings. Two different years (1890 versus 1898) are in conflict. The Secretary will research the issue with a goal of having a final answer in time for the April meeting.

3) Historic Properties Inventory.

The Chair raised concern as to whether this fell under our duties authority. After a brief discussion, it was decided that, based both upon the assigned duties of the Commission in the Town of Effingham Zoning Ordinance, as well as the fact that compiling such an inventory is a stated goal in the Town's Master Plan, compiling such an inventory does fall within our purview. As noted at the regular March meeting, this project will be discussed in more depth at the regular April meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the work session was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Jones Secretary