

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

**Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2023**

Members Present: Susan Slack (Chair), Erik Jones, Maria Crockett, Lenny Espie (Selectmen's Representative), Mike Conti (Secretary)

Members Absent: Chris Garcia (Alternate), Faith Martel (Alternate)

Guests Present: Jason Earle

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by the Chair.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the October 9, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Jones moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Crockett. Motion passed & carried.

Correspondence: N/A

Old Business:

- Chair spoke on meeting with Effingham Budget Committee October 24, 2023 at 7:10PM to discuss and refine Historic District Commission budget. They were very helpful and assisted the Chair with HDC budget matters.
- Ms. Crockett reported on her efforts to straighten out/reorganize the HDC minutes and the HDC Annual Reports so they are on file and complete as required.
- A review was conducted of the Certified Local Government Process and the Heritage Commission Authority, both of which were discussed at the October 9, 2023 HDC meeting.
- The Chair called for a vote to be held at next month's HDC meeting regarding the HDC pursuing 1) Certified Local Government status and 2) Heritage Commission Authority status.
 - The Chair further suggested that the HDC should research further into the viability of pursuing both and discuss at the December HDC meeting.
 - Regarding RSA 79-E tax incentives, the Chair suggested this issue be tabled pending further information and discussion.

New Business:

- A review was conducted regarding the recent listing of the Lord's Hill Tavern on the NHPA "Seven to Save" list.
- A discussion was held regarding the preparation of the HDC to be ready to deal with possible eventualities regarding the sale and/or development of the property.
- Mr. Earle spoke on the Lord's Tavern property, history and current condition.

Next Meeting: December 11, 2023 @ 6:00 PM.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Slack. Seconded by Mr. Espie. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Conti, Secretary