

Minutes of the Heritage Committee
Sept. 18, 2008 – Town Hall – 7 p.m.

Members present: William Hansen, Janet Banks, Jack Quinn, Ray Wilcox, Chet Kuras, Mark Winne, Arnie Magid, Absent: W. Moncrief
Also present: EDC Director Patrick McMahon

Chairman William Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Citizen Comment: None

Minutes: Jack Quinn moved to approve the minutes of July 17 meeting; Mr. Magid seconded. The minutes were approved as distributed.

The Commercial Subcommittee has not met.

Open Space Subcommittee: Mr. Wilcox reported that the Town is working with a possible applicant for the Farmland Preservation program. The purchase of the development rights on the Miller Farm has closed.

Signs: Mr. Hansen displayed a prototype of the sign for Stony Brooke Park. The sign is very attractive, and Mr. Wilcox will take the drawing of the sign to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Hansen displayed a prototype of "Farmland Preserved" sign; Mr. Wilcox working with the Town Planner and have secured approval of each owner for the locations of the signs. Signs will be ordered and then installed.

Suffield Heritage Sticker – The Committee discussed how these attractive stickers could be marketed, and for what purpose. The EDC Director will discuss with the Director of Finance to ascertain if a special fund is needed to handle funds resulting from the sale of these stickers. This will be on the October meeting agenda.* The Committee has suggested that funds earned from these stickers be dedicated to the preservation of farmland.

Conservation Commission:

Mr. Wilcox reported rather slow activity before the Commission. There is only one subdivision in the planning stage.

Zoning & Planning Commission update: Mr. Kuras noted that the Zoning and Planning Commission are currently reviewing new regulations pertaining to wineries and permanent farm stands. Mr. Winne also reported that a text amendment is being sought regarding a parking valet service. The Town Planner is seeking a Request for Qualifications for the revision of the Plan of Conservation and Development. This document has to be updated every 10 years. The Committee hopes to have some input to the process of revision. This will be placed on the October meeting agenda for discussion.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary

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