

18 February 2009

Present: C. Haver, J. Huber, G. Miller, L. Turner, W. Walker

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. W. Walker chaired.

The minutes of the 21 January meeting were accepted with clerical errors corrected.

Public hearing: R. Berman and T. Thorne submitted an application to make changes to the Roxbury Market: 1. install exhaust fans, and 2. install a privacy fence to obscure the equipment. Since the applicants were not present, W. Walker read the application. The sheet metal fans will extend 2-3 feet from the building on the north side, the wood fence will be the same as that at the Town Hall and extend 24', the length of the building's ell. G. Miller submitted an e-mail from R. Berman noting that a 6' high fence should be sufficient. W. Walker asked for further questions or comments. As there were none, the public hearing was closed.

The HDC discussed the application that is the same as presented at the pre-hearing. The modifications discussed at that pre-hearing were added as modifications to the application.

C. Haver made a motion to accept the application with the following modifications: the privacy fence be erected no further than 6' from the face of the building; the privacy fence must have a return to the building on the west side; and the privacy fence should measure 6' in height. L. Turner seconded. W. Walker called for a vote: Aye – Haver, Huber, Miller, Turner, Walker; Nay – none. The motion was passed unanimously.

Grant – The HDC has received a \$30,000 non-matching grant for an historian to complete a survey of barns in Roxbury. This inventory will include new barns built for agricultural use. Bids from three historians are due 15 March with 1 April to 1 October the grant period. J. Huber will complete his section of town so that G. Miller will have a true count of the number of properties and barns the historian will have to research. C. Haver suggested that the property at Painter Hill and Tophet Roads be included. At this time, we have 142 addresses with 39 of these having multiple barns/outbuildings. The grant will cover 195 barns.

Barn book – The interviews continue and the revised completion date is fall 2010.

Smart Growth Study Group - G. Miller reported on the recommendations of the SGSG and reviewed the next steps.

Budget - The HDC budget will remain at the \$800 level, but capital improvements will increase to \$22,600 (\$30,000 less the \$7400 continued over). This amount is required since the grant, although non-matching, must be paid out before reimbursement. G. Miller made a motion to accept the budget; C. Haver seconded. The HDC unanimously approved the budget. J. Huber will deliver the paperwork to Town Hall tomorrow.

Vacancy – P. Wooster has decided to resign his membership, but has agreed to continue until a replacement has been found.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgette Miller
Clerk

The next meeting of the HDC:

Wednesday 18 March 7:30pm Roxbury Town Hall