

Phippsburg Historic Preservation Commission

February 12, 2024

Present: Merry Chapin, Erika Cramer, Tom Hinkle, Charlotte Moore by FaceTime, Judy Mullins, Richard Spear, Helen Webb

Minutes: Accepted as sent.

Letter from Tri Leaf: This company plans to put up a cell tower and underground utilities in the Winnegance area. There is already a tower in this part of town. The Commission determined there is no historic evidence in this area.

Ordinance Review: The Commission discussed changes to the proposed Historic Preservation Commission ordinance. In response to the Planning Board concerns, the Commission will remove the section referring to historic districts. The State of Maine Historic Preservation Commission will be contacted to determine whether other communities have binding and/or advisory documents as part of their ordinances. Charlotte will look at the Cambridge ordinance for wording of a conservation district rather than a historic district. The Phippsburg Commission will move ahead with language for voluntary landmarking in the proposed ordinance. This language will include owner consent for landmarking of a structure. The demolition delay language will be kept as a part of the proposed ordinance.

Davis Foundation Grant: Helen has written and submitted the application for the Davis Foundation Grant. Kate McBrien, Maine State archivist has written a letter of support. The grant is for \$7000, basically for some materials, the laying of the linoleum by a professional installer, and AV equipment. Craig Chapin and Loren Hunter will volunteer to do the carpentry and painting.

Calendars: To date, \$580 has been raised through the calendar sales. Richard will ask Hubie and Dot Turner to be in the next calendar. Tom and Charlotte were asked to think of Small Point people who might be willing to be in the calendar. Several people have agreed for the 2025 calendar.

Respectfully submitted,

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