

# HDC Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2013

Welcome – Rick Mitchell, Dave Carey, Anthony Nickas, Brian Stein, and Bill Gisness were present. Planning Coordinator, Kristine Cheetham, was also present.

## Agenda Items

Barr Downtown Planning Grant –

1. Review of Neighborhood Focus Meeting – The members revisited the themes from the focus group meeting of July 30, 2013 with the downtown area residents. They summarized these concepts:  
City versus Country – A discussion for Hamilton about development  
Waste Water Treatment –  
More density is equal to “affordable” housing  
Parking, traffic and pedestrian safety are concerns with increased development  
Is there connectivity between the two villages? Hamilton & Wenham need to feel; more united.  
Result of planning process is a vision and zoning recommendations.  
We all want to enhance our village – to make it a place where people live, gather, shop and recreate.
2. What is the Role of the HDC with all of this?  
A vehicle to address implementation  
HDC needs to do some outreach regarding the overall process: planning/vision, implementation, partners, etc.  
HDC role will be with infrastructure: lighting, parking lot, (large & small amenities) waste water treatment, advocate for zoning changes.  
Business is meant to invest in commercial & mixed use development.

Fall Town Meeting Request – K. Cheetham researched the language from 2011 town meeting requesting that the annual meals tax revenues be transferred to the downtown committee. She will present new language at an upcoming meeting for a new request. The HDC will need to formally request this before the Board of Selectment at a September meeting in order to secure a place on the warrant.

ACTION: K. Cheetham will provide new language for the HDC to forward to the Board of Selectmen.

## New/Old Business

McRae Property – D. Carey updated the members about his recent conversation with the McRae bank and attorney. They are interested in working on an option for a life estate. However, they feel strongly about the nature of the property as it exists today.