

The Brandon historic Preservation Commission
Meeting May 21, 2009 * The Ball & Chain Cafe

Commission Members Present: Kevin Thornton, Laura Peterson, Philip Keyes
Member Absent: Bob Rand
Others: Max Ferro, Meimei Brown

The meeting was convened at 5:30 p.m.

CLG Compliance:

It has been awhile since we have met, since the departure of Casey Carmolli last year. To remain in compliance with CLG rules, we need at least one new member, and this will be the first of at least 4 meetings, to be scheduled throughout the year.

Max Ferro offered to help, and Meimei Brown said she'd like to help, but wondered if she could share a position with someone else, as she is only in town now for half of the year. Current members wholeheartedly welcomed Max's and Meimei's offers of assistance.

By way of experience, Max Ferro ^{TAUGHTIN Chester} ~~directed~~ the Historic Preservation Program at UVM for ¹⁴ ~~many~~ years, and has been involved with preservation commissions and projects throughout the country. Meimei Brown has been involved with the restoration of the Brandon Town Hall for for several years.

Grant Opportunities:

The Commission recently learned of two grant opportunities that could benefit Brandon;

A. There is a "Heritage Travel" grant, that could help promote Brandon nationally as a destination of historical interest. This would be submitted to the VT Division for Historic Preservation as a CLG Priority I Grant, (information/education) with additional documentation going to Jane Lendway at the Preservation Trust of Vermont. The funds would be for a 2 year membership, at a substantial discount, in heritage Travel, a promotional program of the National Trust. Due May 29. This is funded in part by additional federal grant funds made available to VT CLG towns during this grant cycle only.

Kevin, Max and Laura will work on this project.

B. a CLG Priority II Grant ("Bricks and Mortar") project to assist in repairs to the Town Hall portico. This grant would be submitted to VT DHP by June 30.

Meimei and Phil will write up this grant, and agreed to a luncheon meeting on Fri. 5/22 to start "filling in the blanks." Kevin Thornton also attended this meeting.

Max and Meimei described their preservation experiences and backgrounds. Max questioned whether a photographic history of Brandon could be put together, with captions written, like a book recently published for Pittsford. He is familiar with the publishing house, which is in England.

Max was approached by a trustee of the Brandon Free Public Library, re accessing the third floor meeting room of the library. After drawing up some preliminary plans, Max is awaiting further input from the Board

Additional Discussion about current projects in Brandon.

Adjournment:

The Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Philip Keyes
Acting Secretary