

Dunstable Historical Commission 1/23/20

In Attendance Committee Members: Anne Davis-chair, Ray Sullivan, Gerald Durkin, Catherine Irzyk, Carol Bacon

Also present: Joan and Harold Simmons

### **The Union School**

Anne Davis informed the board that she was contacted by Ryan McLane regarding the School Committee's desire to restore and paint the Union School Building. The School Committee would like to utilize CPA funds for the project. Members of the committee raised concerns that there are several issues that need to be addressed to preserve the building. Ray mentioned that he and Tim when reviewing the building last spring noticed:

- a) There are slate roof issues- missing slates with resulting water damage
- b) Unstable plywood has been placed in areas where there were old fan coil units.
- c) Window and door trim has deteriorated on the Northwest side of the building
- d) Crown molding at the roofline by the slates shows signs of deterioration as well.

There is concern that there may be other issues identified upon closer inspection. Ryan McLane has reached out to Tim and Ray this week and they will all assess the building's condition ahead of the School Committee's proposal to the CPC. The board reiterated their concern that painting in itself is building maintenance and would not qualify for CPA Historic funding. The board felt that these vital preservation issues need to be addressed within the project scope.

### **Town Center District**

Joan Simmons mentioned that this would be discussed in the next planning board hearing on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. She would like to have our input and see members of our board involved in the discussions. Carol Bacon will be able to attend the meeting and would like input from others.

### **National Register District Signs**

Anne Davis said we are close to placing our order in for the signs and has had trouble obtaining clean artwork of the Town Seal. She has been in touch with Mike Martin of the Road Commission who will advise her on in the placement of the signs and the Highway Department will store the signs in the garage until they can be installed in the Spring.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55