

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD**  
Thursday, December 2, 2010, @ 3:00 PM  
Administrative Conference Room, First Floor, Lewiston City Building  
**FINAL MINUTES**

- I. Roll Call:** This meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. and was chaired by William Clifford.  
**Members Present:** William (Bill) Clifford, Philip Meldrum, Maurice Gilbert and Douglas Hodgkin  
**Members Absent:** Rick Morris, Jack Milo and Jennifer Ferguson  
**Associate Member Present:** Mark Lee and Erin Flynn  
**Guest Present:** Rachel Desgrosselliers and Noel Smith  
**Staff Present:** Gildace Arsenault, Director of Planning & Code Enforcement and Cathy Lekberg, Administrative Assistant, Economic & Community Development.

Bill Clifford appointed Mark Lee full voting member for this meeting.

Bill Clifford welcomed and introduced Erin Flynn, the new Associate Member of the Historic Preservation Review Board to the members.

**II. New Business:**

**Update of Museum L-A – Camden Yarn Mill**

Rachel stated she hired Smith, Reuter & Lull Architects to determine what would need to be demolished and what needed to be stabilized at the Camden Yarn Mill which will be the new location for Museum L-A.

Noel Smith stated that the Camden Yarn Mill was built in 1840 and has gone through many transformations. He stated some parts of the mill have been torn down and some parts have been added throughout the years. He stated they are working with a team of engineers to determine what needs to be done to the mill as far as demolition and stabilization. He stated that some parts of the mill are in danger of collapsing and in some parts the roof is leaking. He stated the Board should come back to view the mill again now that they have installed new lighting which makes it much more visible for viewing than before. He stated that after they have determined what needs to be done, they will be sending out a request for proposal to general contractors to bid on the work. He stated that the shafts on the roof are collapsing and need to be demolished. He also stated they will be trying to improve the access to the building and that the engineers need to get in and check the capacity of the building. He stated that this building is an appropriate site the Museum L-A and the renovations will take place through time.

Rachel stated that after the demolition and stabilization is completed, the first phase will be to renovate and move into 15,000 square feet of the building. She stated that Museum L-A does not want to borrow money to complete this project and will do it in phases.

Noel stated that money is limited and their first priority is to make the building water-tight and will make sure that no collapsing of the building will happen.

Rachel stated that they are trying to find information about the property and the building, when it was built, etc. She stated they would like to keep at least three floors.

Mark asked if they are only planning to stabilize the building and fix the roof and not move in yet. Rachel stated they will be doing demolition and stabilization only right now. In January, they will find out how much it will cost to renovate the 15,000 square feet that they want to move into. Mark asked if they will be replacing the openings and Noel stated not at this time. He stated the floors also need to be stabilized so they will not collapse. They will be working with the design architect on what they will spend on each part of the building. Rachel stated that the Maine Historic Preservation Commission asked her if they could be kept up to date on the progress of the mill as this is in the mill district.

Rachel stated that they are having problems finding storage and cannot keep all of the large historic pieces such as the bailers and looms. She stated they have decided to keep only a certain number of these pieces because it is too expensive to store them. She also mentioned the Libbey Mill bell that someone bought and now wanted to sell back to the museum for \$25,000. She stated the bell is in New Jersey right now.

Noel Smith stated they will keep the Board informed as they start the process.

### **III. Old Business:**

#### **a. Kennedy Park Gazebo Update**

Bill stated he did not know what the status was of the gazebo. Doug also stated he did not know what was happening right now. Mark asked about the potential donor opportunity and Bill stated he thought an organization was supposed to be helping with the fund raising and would also get naming rights.

Bill asked if the gazebo update could be put on the January 6, 2011 meeting agenda and have Phil Nadeau attend and give an update. Gil stated he would check with Phil.

#### **b. Bates Mill District**

Phil Meldrum asked about the Bates Mill District. He stated he would like to see the walkways and other parts of the mills that were demolished be included in the new district. Gil stated he got the impression that Christi would get that done. He stated that the information may be available. Phil stated that this information should be at least kept for the City. He stated that if they do not do something now, it will be lost. Doug mentioned a report that Russell Wright written and that this had that information in it. Gil stated that they may have a map with that information.

#### **c. Healy Asylum**

Phil also asked for an update on Healey Asylum and Gil stated nothing is happening yet and he would check into this for the Board.

**d. The Loft at Bates Mill**

Phil asked about Bates Mill #2 and Gil stated is it still a go. He stated they made a slight modification to the project which reduced the units from 52 to 48. He stated this was approved and signed off by Lucy Bisson of the Planning Board.

**e. People's Bank Building**

Phil asked about the bank building on the corner of Ash and Lisbon Street and Gil stated that there are no tenants in there and it is still on hold right now.

**f. The Mosque**

Phil asked about the status of the Mosque and Gil stated they have only put up the canopy and riser boards still need to be put on the steps. He stated he would talk to them about this.

- IV. Minutes:** Draft Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2010. The following motion was made.  
**MOTION:** by **Douglas Hodgkin** to approve the October 7, 2010 as presented. Second by **Maurice Gilbert**.  
**VOTED:** **5-0** (Passed).

- V. Adjournment:**  
**MOTION:** by **Philip Meldrum** to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m... Second by **Mark Lee**.  
**VOTED:** **5-0** (Passed).

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for Thursday, January 6, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Lekberg, Administrative Assistant  
Economic & Community Development