

**Henniker Historic District Commission Minutes**  
**January 11, 2011**  
**Town Hall Conference Room**

Present: Jon Evans, Martha Taylor, Arthur Kendrick, Peter Gilbert, Tom Dunn, District Commissioners.

Meeting was called to order at 9:06am by Chairman Jon Evans.

The October 12, 2010 minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.  
The December 1, 2010 minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

A report on the meeting about the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Town Hall held with NH Preservation Alliance staff member Maggie Stier was discussed. Jon, Tom and Martha were present. A cost estimate for renovation is needed before any further discussion. Tom will continue to look for a funding source. One possibility is CHIPS if it is funded another year. If Tom can find a source then he will proceed with a grant proposal.

Ms. Stier recommended that the members of this Commission consider forming a Heritage Commission in Henniker. The consensus of the members present at today's meeting was that we did not want to pursue this suggestion.

Tom told us that he would submit a grant to the NH Charitable Foundation for restoration of the sounding board. There is a \$20,000 maximum and a February deadline. Martha suggested that he notify the Henniker Historical Society Governing Board about his plan as they are the responsible entity to apply for any grants.

We discussed the concept of adding some Henniker buildings to the Historic District. Our discussion lead to the recommendation to add Academy Hall, the Community Center and the Grange building. Each piece of land with the building on it would be a separate overlay district. No surrounding property would be affected. We felt that there was not time to get it done this year so the plan is to pursue it for next year.

If other private groups had an historic building that they would like to add to the list we would work with them.

A proposal to educate Henniker residents about our mission was discussed. A Historic District FAQ's fact sheet was distributed. (It was later decided to add it to the Annual Report submission.)

The meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Taylor  
Secretary