

CHDC Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2023

In attendance: Ken Rancourt, Alane Bamberger, Sally Smith, Heather Corrigan, Brian Wiggin, Penny Merrill

Absent: Ryan Shepard, David Robinson

Meeting began 6 pm

Discussed:

- Ken shared a document he obtained from attending the Effingham Historic Commission's meeting—the regulations for their Historic District—we found them to be extremely restrictive and not something we would propose for Conway
- We were very pleased with the turnout for our event held on September 14, 2023 at Tuckerman Brewery. We had about 35 to 40 people attend, bringing photos, old postcards, and maps to share. We were able to gather information on several properties. The reminiscing that happened was delightful to see and to listen to. The most common question asked was "Who lived in my house before me?" Dale and Jean Hamilton brought a huge binder of photos & old postcards, and graciously allowed us to scan all those to have for the CHDC website, as well as the Conway Historical Society.
- We discussed putting the information we gathered online, possibly dividing into different sections of town, a section for buildings that are no longer standing, including a map where they were located, and the older homes in town. We have a Conway Historic District Commission link on the Town of Conway's website. We would like to see that be a public site where people could add information to any photo or write-up. Heather will scan photos & number them, provide for captions, and a link for people to add info to. The questionnaires that were filled out will be scanned to this site, as well. Also mentioned was creating a database for all this information.
- Other names with significant memorabilia were brought up—Elaine Desjardins/Redstone, Brad Bemis (Brian will contact his son, Michael, as to what he had), and Judith Hoell (Penny will contact.)

- Thank you notes will be sent to attendees at the event. We are able to use the Town of Conway letterhead & stationery, envelopes and address labels. We now have an account set up at Town Hall, thanks to Ryan.
- Alane suggested meeting with our new Town Planner who might have suggestions/advice for the Commission for future projects/events.

Next meeting will be October 25, 2023 at 6pm at the Conway Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Merrill