



Article 35. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the Council on Aging, to be used for the purpose of operational expenses and services for the elderly.

Article 46. Motion read by Mr. Charles Monahan. Voted that the Town amend the Town By-Laws by adding Article X as follows:

TOWNSEND HISTORIC DISTRICT BY-LAW

Section 1. This by-law shall be known and may be cited as the Townsend Historical District by-law and is adopted pursuant to Chapter 40C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as amended.

Section 2. The purpose of this by-law is to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places significant in the history of the Town of Townsend or their architecture, and through the maintenance and improvement of settings for such buildings and places and the encouragement of design compatible therewith.

Section 3. There is hereby established under the provisions of Chapter 40C of the General Laws an historic district to be known as the Townsend Historic District which district shall include generally the Town Common area in Townsend Center. Referring to map of proposed Historic District, starting at the intersection of Route 119 and 13, going Northerly on Route 13 properties 64 and 58, thence Easterly on Highland Street properties 2 and 3, thence Southerly on Brookline Street properties 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 to Route 119, thence Westerly on Route 119 properties 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 to the point of beginning.

Section 4. There is hereby established an Historic District Commission under the provisions of the Historic District Act, General Laws, Chapter 40C, consisting of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, including one member, where possible, from two nominees submitted by the Townsend Historical Society or the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities; one member, where possible, from two nominees of the Massachusetts state chapter of the American Institute

of Architects; and one member, where possible, from two nominees of the Board of Realtors covering Townsend. One or more shall, where possible, be a resident of an Historic District established in Townsend pursuant to the Historic Districts Act. When the Commission is first established, two members shall be appointed for a term of one year; two members shall be appointed for a term of two years, and their successors shall be appointed in like manner for terms of three years.

Section 5. The authority of the Commission shall not extend to the review of the following categories of buildings or structures or exterior architectural features in the Townsend Historic District:

- a. Terraces, walks, driveways, sidewalks and similar structure, or any one or more of them, provided that any such structure is substantially at grade level.
- b. Storm doors and windows, screens, window air conditioners, lighting fixtures, antennae and similar appurtenances, or any one or more of them.
- c. The color of paint.
- d. The color of materials used on roofs.
- e. The reconstruction substantially similar in exterior design of a building, structure or exterior architectural feature damaged or destroyed by fire, storm or other disaster provided such reconstruction is begun within one year thereafter and carried forward with due diligence.

Section 6. In case any section, paragraph or part of this by-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 7. If the town meeting so votes a commission established hereunder shall have the powers and duties of an historical commission as provided in section 8D of Chapter 40C and, in this event, a commission may be entitled an historical commission.

Standing Vote: Yes -- 85 No -- 1