

### **CDHC Meeting Minutes 3.22.23**

**Present: Ken Rancourt, Brian Wiggin, Sally Smith, Penny Merrill, David Robinson, Alane Bamberger**

**Absent: Heather Corrigan, Steve Porter**

**Guests: Howard Hatch, Charlie Birch, Judy McGinty**

**Meeting began 6:05 PM**

- Our 3 guests were invited to talk with us about the local neighborhoods they grew up in & share their combined knowledge of Conway in the past—Howard spoke about Intervale, Judy spoke about East Conway, and Charlie talked about North Conway— very lively & interesting conversations
- Prior to the conversations, Howard had some questions & concerns, as well as some suggestions. Questions & concerns: What direction is the Historic Commission going in? How did the razing of the former Valley Jewelers happen without anyone knowing? The old Pine Tree School where most Center Conway & East Conway children went to school—“we paid to have it destroyed”—Suggestions were :1) invite other “mature” residents to come talk with us—having our meetings in the afternoon would draw in people that are in their 70s& 80s who would remember the kinds of information & details we are interested in—he had spoken with Bob Cottrell about the possibility of an open discussion about places in town—perhaps videotaping it? We all agreed that these suggestions were great, and we have a substantial list of names of people who who might be interested in this. 2) The site of the old North Conway grade school on Seavey Street, owned by Bob Goldberg, should have signage commemorating the school.
- Judy commented that if the Town truly wants to preserve our historically significant properties from destruction, perhaps funds should be raised and appropriated to protect them.
- Many artifacts and old photos were shared.
- The “Old Houses of Conway” slide show was presented to our guests as an example of some our work.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM**

**Next meeting is Wednesday, 4.26.23 at 6 PM, location TBD**