

HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

DRAFT Minutes – Nov. 6, 2023

Weather @ 7PM EDT: A few clouds and 37 degrees F. A few snow flurries occurred during early afternoon today.

Meeting came to order at 7:08 AM EDT at the Hampstead Museum

Members Present:

Rob Morris (Chair), Joe Guthrie, Lyn Rockwell, and John Kelley

Museum

Rob said Jim of *Jim's on Call Painting* has not been able to paint the ceiling in the lobby. Rob asked Jim to complete the painting by the end of the fiscal year (December 31st).

Rob stated that the new window shades have been installed. The shades were purchased thanks to a grant from the Wolverine Dream Foundation to the Hampstead Historical Society.

Rob said the bathroom needs some renovation. Julian Malcolm told Rob that his grandfather does occasional work and might be interested in the bathroom renovation. Rob will contact him.

Meetinghouse

Rob said Bob Moseley of *Moseley Landscaping* of Hampstead finished work on the Meetinghouse parking lot curbing. It looks great. Mr. Moseley charged \$5000. Rob told Tina that Mr. Moseley finished the work.

Rob said the Hampstead DPW Director said he can deliver loam and spread it between the curbing and the Meetinghouse. The Hampstead Garden Club is still interested in planting some plants in the Spring.

The Director also said he can have one of the contractor pavement companies put down asphalt up to the parking lot curbing when they are finishing another job in town.

Rob said a NH Preservation Alliance tour of the Hampstead, Fremont, Sandown and Danville Meetinghouses on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 21st from 1:00 – 4:30 PM went well, even with the rainy weather. The tour started at the Hampstead Meetinghouse and Rob gave a brief history of the Meetinghouse. Rob said there were about 50 people on the tour.

Rob has no update on finding a mason to repair the chimney.

Rob talked to a representative from *Window Women* about repairing 11 of the 20 over 12 windows in the Meetinghouse. Rob stated these windows are not the original. They gave him estimates for three options:

A) about \$18,500 (\$1600/window) to take out and bring the windows to their shop, remove the glazing, reglaze, reinstall, and apply weather stripping,

B) About \$11,000 (\$1000/window), we take out and bring the windows to their shop, remove the glazing, reglaze, reinstall, and apply weather stripping, and

C) \$42,900, same as A) but also to prime and paint the windows.

Rob said that forth option might be to have a window repair training class at the Meetinghouse conducted by Window Women staff. He will ask their representative about this option.

Rob said that Dave Dupouy was going to find a supplier of red cedar shingles to redo the roof.

Rob said he has not heard anything regarding the status of our grant application to repair the Meetinghouse Stage Curtain.

Rob gave a few updates regarding the 275th Celebration. He said the Committee will have a birthday cake float in the Hampstead Colonial Christmas Parade on Dec. 10th and a few members of the Committee will mark behind it. The cake was used previously for the Town of Chester's 300th Anniversary Celebration. Rob said that there will be a reading of the town charter on January 19, 2024, followed by a dinner at the Hampstead Congregational Church and a line dance at the Hampstead Middle School. Lyn and John suggested it would be good to have a copy of the Town Charter on display for the 275th celebration, especially for the Jan. 19th event.

New Business

Rob went over the proposed budget for 2024. The DPW Director suggested values for the budgets. Rob reminded the Commission members that the Commission has the authority to recommend the budget to the Selectmen. The Commission decided to use the 2023 budget values for the 2024 budget. Joe G. made a motion to recommend the 2024 budget use the 2023 budget values. It was seconded by Lyn. All voted in favor. Joe G. said he will bring the 2024 budget numbers to Tina tomorrow afternoon.

John mentioned that a tree near the oil tank fill pipe on the east side of the Meetinghouse looks partially dead, especially at the top. Joe G. said he will investigate.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes for the September and October meetings were reviewed at the meeting. Joe G. made a motion to approve the minutes. Lyn made a second. All voted to approve.

Adjournment:

John made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Joe G. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

These draft minutes will be reviewed at the December 2023 Meeting.