

HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION
Wednesday, September 6, 2023

DRAFT Minutes – Sept. 13, 2023

Weather @ 7PM EDT: 83 degrees F; the high temperature was 91.

Meeting came to order at 7:10 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 due to an illness. Rob said the painting should be done by the end of the fiscal year (December 31st).

Rob shared good news that the Hampstead Historical Society was awarded a grant from the Wolverine Dream Foundation (DWDreamfoundation@gmail.com) for the following: 1) replace remaining shades, 2) purchase new PC, scanner, and hard drive, and 3) repair the cobbler shop. Rob said he will need to find a craftsman to do the repairs to the Cobbler Shop. He will likely look at the NH Preservation Alliance's directory of contractors, consultants, craftspeople, and services (<https://www.nhpreservation.org/directory-of-products-and-services>).

Meetinghouse

Rob said Bob Moseley of *Moseley Landscaping* of Hampstead has not started yet Meetinghouse parking lot.

Rob still plans to call *Window Women* to see if they would be interested in repairing some of the windows in the Meeting House. Rob has no update on the task to repair the chimney.

Old Business

John said he talked to Don Blaszk, the scoutmaster of Hampstead Boy Scout Troop 33 about the Town Pound. John asked Don if the scouts could clear the brush from the pound this Fall. Don said he will get a pound cleanup on the troop calendar for this Fall. The pound has not been cleaned up since before the COVID-19 lockdown.

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

Rob said the 275th Celebration Committee met last month and have assigned themes to a several of the days of the weeklong celebration in August 2024. Rob said the Hampstead Historical Society and Hampstead Library are co-authoring an Images of America book from Arcadia Publishing about Hampstead. They are looking for photos before 1965. The photos need to be submitted no later than November 4, 2023. The plan is to have the book available before the celebration in August.

Rob said the Committee would like to republish Mr. Maurice Randall 1999 book entitled History of Hampstead, New Hampshire. A few individuals on the Committee are working on this project.

New Business

Rob said the Hampstead Meetinghouse will be on planned tour of Meetinghouses in Rockingham County on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023. The tour will include the Meetinghouses of Sandown, Fremont, Danville, and the Hampstead. Rob said the Alliance will arrange to have a speaker at each Meetinghouse. However, it is likely that Rob will give a brief speech prior to their speaker.

It was noted that in August 2023, the Hampstead Congregational Church at 61 Main Street and built in 1861 has been added to the NH State Register of Historic Places.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Joe G. made a motion to approve the August 2023 meeting minutes compiled by Joe Passanise. It was seconded by Rob. All voted in favor.

Adjournment:

Joe made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by John. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

These draft minutes will be reviewed at the October 2023 Meeting