

## **HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION**

**June 2, 2021  
Minutes (Draft)**

Meeting came to order at 7:02 PM EDT at the Hampstead Museum

**Members Present:** Rob Morris, John Kelley, Joe Guthrie, Joe Passanise, and Lyn Rockwell

### **Museum**

Rob said Jim Chase finished plastering and painting of the interior of the museum and the electrician installed the new period appropriate light fixtures. Rob said this was a major milestone in improving the appearance and lighting in the museum. The commission members thought the painting and new fixtures look great.

At the last month's meeting, the commission voted to "To test the exterior paint of Hampstead Museum for lead". Rob gave an update. He plans to purchase a Lead Testing Kit from Home Depot during the next few weeks and test the paint on clapboards and trim, especially on the east side. He will also likely contact a person that was recommended to him who does testing using spectrometry and provides report of the test results. If the tests indicate the presence of lead, then the commission will need to hire a certified lead renovator. Rob said Jeff Ayers of Odds and Ends Painting and Jim Chase are both certified. Rob will update the commission about the results of the test(s) at the next meeting.

Rob said that the handicap ramp will soon need some repairs including re-staining and replacement of some rotten boards and rusted nails. Rob will talk to the Scout Master of Hampstead Troop 33 to see if the troop would be willing to do it as a project.

### **Meetinghouse**

Rob spoke with Cindy Lanouette of the Hampstead Garden Club. Rob told Cindy that the Commission would like to add some era appropriate plantings as part of the planned landscaping between the new parking lot and the Meetinghouse. Rob plans to also talk to two members of the Hampstead Historical Society who also belong to the Garden Club to get their suggestions and whether they would like to take on the work.

Joe P. said he plans to contact Bob Mosley about extending the brick walkway to the new parking lot edge. Joe will ask him for a quote.

Joe P. will also ask Lane Roofing for an updated quote for re-shingling the Meetinghouse using non-fiberglass, organic asphalt shingle, 50-year warranty, if these singles are available.

## **Old Business**

Joe G. said some of the metal fence on the north side of the Town Office Building property was removed by the adjacent owner. Joe said he will contact the owner to find out what he did with the fence which is town property. Joe said that Steve still plans to remove the fence with Chip and/or Joe G. present.

Joe said he will get name of the land surveyor who surveyed the town historic district which includes Meetinghouse Park and the land encompassing the Meetinghouse and Town Office Building a few years ago. Once he gets the name and contact information, he will give it to Rob so he can request a copy of the survey map.

## **New Business**

Rob said he along with some members of the Hampstead Historical Society will conduct the annual of Meetinghouse Bell at 11:59 PM July 3<sup>rd</sup> to ring in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the day in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was passed by the Continental Congress.

## **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

Joe P. made motion to approve the minutes for the May 2021 meeting and it was second by Lyn. All voted to approve the minutes with some minor corrections.

## **Adjourned:**

Joe G. made motion to adjourn and it was second by Joe P. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM EDT.