

HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 1, 2023

DRAFT Minutes – 3/12/2023

Weather @ 7PM: Light snow and 32 deg F

Meeting came to order at 7:30 PM EDT at the Hampstead Museum

Members Present:

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

Museum

Rob said Jim of *Jim's on Call Painting* came to the museum this past Monday to look at the ceiling where the roof water leak occurred. Jim said he will provide Rob with an estimate for repainting a portion of the ceiling.

Rob said we will need to investigate in the Spring how to prevent birds from sitting on the top of the front columns which results in bird droppings on the columns.

Meetinghouse

Rob said there was nothing new to report. He said the biggest outstanding tasks are the landscaping and window repairs.

He plans to contact Bob Moseley of Moseley Landscaping of Hampstead to ask if he do the landscaping work between the meetinghouse and the parking lot and install the granite curbing this Spring.

Rob still plans to contact *Women Windows of New England* located in Amesbury, MA to get a quote to repair all approximately 11 windows (16 over 16 panes) and also to discuss the possibility of having a wooden window repair workshop at the meetinghouse.

Rob still plans to install the light fixture for the kitchen during the next month or so. Also, Rob still plans to order the new rope for the bell.

Old Business

Bill Colman of *Barn Whisper* came to the shop and did a survey of the shop on what needs to be done to repair and restore the shop. Mr. Colman said the shop was unique in that there are not many shops like it in existence in New Hampshire. He told Rob that the shop needs the following: 1) new windows, 2) new wood sliding, 3) new shingled roof, and 4) new sills. Mr. Colman will prepare a report for the commission. The report will be broken into separate sections corresponding to the different work that needs to

be done, in case the commission wants to do the work in phases. The report will also provide a list of potential contractors that could do the work on the historic structure. The commission would like to restore the shop before the 275th town anniversary.

John looked what needs to be done to submit a request for a 2nd NH Highway Historical Highway Marker in town. John said there is a new submission guide online and the deadline for submissions is November.

Rob said the Feb. 16th meeting of the 275th Anniversary Celebration Committee was well attended. The date for a week-long celebration was agreed upon. Several events were suggested to the including car show, 5 km run, food truck, quilt show, kids' day, Revolutionary War reenactment, Native American day, and a Sunday breakfast. The celebration will be from Aug. 12 to 17, 2024.

New Business

Rob reminded that on ballot at the Town Election on March 14, 2023 is Warrant Article 13, entitled "To see if the Town will vote to establish a 275th Anniversary Celebration Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of planning, organizing, and funding activities related to the Town's 275th Anniversary and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,500 (Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) to be placed in the fund." In response to a question from Lyn, Rob said that both the Selectmen and Budget Committee recommended its passage. Rob said that the next meeting of the 275th Anniversary Celebration committee will be held after the election. The meeting will focus on setting up subcommittees focused on specific tasks.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Lyn made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 2023 meeting. It was seconded by John. All voted in favor.

Adjournment:

Lyn made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Rob. All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Minutes will be reviewed at the April 2023 Meeting