

HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

FINAL - APPROVED

Weather @ 7PM EDT: A few clouds and 32 degrees F.

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 will again ask Jim if he can do the painting soon.

Rob said the front steps need to be repainted when the temperatures get warmer. He will ask Jim if he is interested in doing this.

Rob said the bathroom needs some renovations (e.g. a new sink, toilet, and flooring). Rob has one lead on a handyman who might be interested in doing the work as well as potentially Jeff Ayers. Rob will contact them both.

Rob said the office needs two new electrical outlets. He said he will do it at cost since he is now retired and is a licensed electrician.

Meetinghouse

Rob stated that some of the windows need some care which would involve removing the glazing, reglazing, and repainting the windows. Given the very high estimate from the *Window Women of New England* company (>\$1K per window), Rob wondered if the some of the Commission members might be able to do cheaper. Rob said the *Window Women of New England* is holding a Window Repair Workshop in Amesbury, MA on Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 9AM to 1PM. Rob, Lyn, and I expressed interest in attending the workshop. The cost is approximately \$124 per person.

John asked whether we want to have parts of the Meetinghouse repainted prior to the 275th celebration in August. Rob will ask Jeff if he is interested since did some of the repainting several years ago.

Rob said the furnace may need to be replaced given its age. Rob will set up a meeting with the Hampstead DPW Director to discuss.

Old Business

The partially dead tree near the oil tank fill pipe on the east side of the Meetinghouse was cut down by DPW in January. Thanks to Joe G. for getting this done.

Rob gave a few updates regarding the 275th Celebration. He said there 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 went well. He said the committee is now focused on the August celebration. Rob said there will likely be a Blue Grass Band, Fiddler and Folk Band. Rob said we are waiting to hear if one of the U.S. Navy Band out of Newport, RI will play. They will likely not tell us until June per their standard notification procedures.

Rob said he has not heard back from Mr. Sam Longhook from the Hampstead Lions Club regarding their project idea to replace the town sign at Veterans Park, which would include LED electronic message board at the bottom.

New Business

None

Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes for the December meeting were reviewed at the meeting. Lyn made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by John. All voted to approve.

Adjournment:

Lyn made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Joe G. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

These draft minutes were reviewed and approved at the March 2024 meeting.