

**HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**  
**Minutes – DRAFT 12/6/21**

Meeting came to order at 7:10 PM EST at the Hampstead Museum

**Members Present:**

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

Rob said Juanita Randall, the wife of the late Maurice Randal, the former Hampstead Town Historian and a member for Historic District Commission for many years, died on November 28<sup>th</sup> at her home. The wake is on Thursday evening at Brookside Funeral Home in Plaistow, NH and the funeral is at 10AM Friday at the Hampstead Congregational Church. A mercy meal will follow at the Hampstead Meetinghouse. Mrs. Randall was a resident of Hampstead for 67 years.

**Museum**

Rob said he submitted the 2022 budget request to the Sally.

Rob said he needs to check with Lane Roofing to see if they removed the non-necessary vent in the roof and patched the roof soon to prevent further leaks. Rob said that the interior ceiling where the leak caused damaged will be repainted after he confirms that the leak has been fixed by the roofer.

Rob said stairs at the bottom of the handicap ramp have been replaced. Chips helped the contractor with the work. John suggested that slip-resistant material should be added to the handicap ramp to make it safer given his recent accident on a handicap ramp at an animal hospital.

Rob said the Museum 2021 budget is about \$700 in the red. Rob will contact the electrician to get his bill. His bill will put the budget more into the red. Joe G. has already informed the other Selectmen about the deficit.

Rob said that the Museum has been open for a few weeks following the painting of the interior and replacement of the light fixtures and a reorganization of the exhibit by the Hampstead Historical Society.

Rob said that the historic cobbler shop in front of the town office building will be open during the annual lighting of the Christmas Tree this coming Friday. It will be staffed by members of the Hampstead Historical Society. The society will also have a float in the Hampstead Christmas Parade on Sunday.

## **Meetinghouse**

Rob reported that Lane Roofing of Derry, NH re-shingled the Meetinghouse roof. Rob said they did it in a day. He said Tina did not receive their bill yet, so he will contact Lane Roofing.

Rob said he got a lead on approximately 100 ft of second-hand granite curbing from a company in nearby Dracut, MA. He is going to investigate more. It would be good to pay for the curbing before the end of the calendar year.

Rob said he put up the battery-operated Christmas lights up in the Meetinghouse as well as in the Museum. He said a pane of glass is missing on the east side.

Rob said we still need to install a new interior light fixture in the kitchen. A present time, there is only a light bulb. He will check with Joe P. about purchasing a new larger refrigerator. The need for larger refrigerator was discussed at previous meetings.

Chip plans to reconnect the lightning rod cable.

We will need to revisit landscaping between the parking lot and the Meetinghouse next spring.

Rob said he needs to check with Tina on whether the furnace was serviced.

Rob mentioned that a new bench was installed by a couple on Meetinghouse Park near the tree line between the park and St. Anne Church after the commission gave the OK last month.

Rob read the remaining amounts for each line items in the present 2021 Budget. He received the recently from Tina. For the Meetinghouse House: the approximate amounts are \$1788 for electric, \$1900 for heat, and \$23,500 for maintenance (does not reflect the outstanding re-shingling bill). For the Museum, the approximate amounts are \$961 for electric, \$1891 for heat, and a negative \$700 for maintenance.

## **Old Business**

John said he contacted Scout Master for the Hampstead Boy Scout Troop 33 and asked if the scouts cleaned up the Hampstead Town Pound last Spring or plan to do so this Autumn. The leader said that the scouts have not, but he would put it on the troop's calendar.

## **New Business**

Lyn said the virtual Thanksgiving Service looked great on cable. Rob said the service was done in segments and then personnel from the Cable Commission wove it together. The service was virtual due to concern about COVID-19.

Rob suggested that we skip the regular January 2022 meeting and meet again in February. Chip made motion to skip the January and Joe G. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.

## **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

Rob said there are no minutes for the October 2021 meeting.

## **Adjourned:**

Chip made motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Lyn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM EST.