

HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION
Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022
Draft Minutes – 9/15/22

Weather @ 7PM: Overcast and 65 deg F

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

Members Present:

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

Museum

Rob said *Jim's on Call Painting* is about ready to start painting the exterior of the Museum. Jim requires 1/3 of the payment upfront. Rob said Tina has check ready. It just needs to be signed by the Treasurer.

John mentioned that the gutter may need to be cleaned out before winter. Rob will ask Jim Chase to look at the gutters while he is painting.

Rob said the recent heavy rainfall caused some plaster from the ceiling in the lobby to come down. He will call *Lane Roofing* and ask them to come inspect the roof and fix the leak.

Rob noted that the handicap ramp needs some repair work.

Meetinghouse

Rob mentioned that a delivery truck to Hampstead Central School damaged utility lines on Emerson Avenue including ripping off the utility lines from the outside east wall of the Meetinghouse. The utility company, including Eversource, reinstalled their lines back onto the Meetinghouse east wall a day or two later. Rob checked the Meetinghouse and there was no damage inside.

Rob said the prior to the July 4th ringing, Dave Dupouy found in one location on the rope where only 2 of the 3 strands were holding the rope together. He fixed it by doing a 'long splice'. However, Dave recommended that the entire rope be replaced. Rob said he will find out where to buy twisted manilla static rope. Rob said it will likely cost \$100 for 100 feet. Joe G. made a motion to replace the rope up to a cost of \$200. John seconded it. All voted in favor. Rob and John will get an accurate measurement of the rope length.

Old Business

Regarding the landscaping around the Meetinghouse parking house, Chip said Bob M. is still interested but no date yet on when he can do the work.

John said he purchased a new refrigerator for the Meetinghouse in July with the town credit card. The unit was delivered on July 22nd and installed at the Meetinghouse by town employees on July 23rd. They had to take the kitchen door off temporarily to get the unit into the kitchen. John said it cost \$678.00.

Rob said he still needs to buy a new light fixture for the kitchen since there is just a light bulb there now.

Rob said the chimney needs to be repointed. Rob suggested that we compose a list of needed repairs, both inside and outside at the Meetinghouse. Joe G. recommended that we over the budget and see how much money is left to address these repairs.

New Business

Rob reminded the members that the Town of Hampstead will be 275 years old in 2024. He suggested to have community meeting to discuss a possible 275th celebration. He said it might be good to have it in late Autumn or early next year. Rob said we could put the announcement for the meeting on the Hampstead Facebook page.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

The August meeting was cancelled and thus there were no minutes.

Adjournment:

John made motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Joe G. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM EDT.

Note: There was no August meeting. It was cancelled.

These meeting minutes as well as the minutes for the July meeting will be reviewed at the October monthly meeting.