

HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 2, 2022

DRAFT Minutes – 11/09/22

Weather @ 7PM: Few Clouds and 55 deg F

Meeting came to order at 7:11 PM EDT at the Hampstead Museum

Members Present:

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

Museum

Rob said *Jim's on Call Painting* finished painting the exterior the museum including painted the handicap ramp and front door. Jim also did a bit of repairs on the ramp before painting. Jim gave Rob a certificate of lead paint encapsulated. John suggested that he make a copy and give it to Tina; Rob said he will do that. Rob said that Jim looked at the gutters while he was painting and said they were fine.

Joe G. got approval from the Selectmen for the commission to have *Lane Roofing* re-shingle the roof of the museum. Lane Roofing said they can do the re-shingling in the next few weeks.

Rob will ask Jim's on Call Painting for an estimate for repainting a portion of the ceiling where the roof water leak occurred. He will also ask Jim for an estimate on the cost to paint the windowsills, the part between the aluminum storm window and the regular window.

Meetinghouse

Regarding the landscaping, including installing the used granite curbing, around the Meetinghouse parking lot, Chip said Bob Moseley of Moseley Landscaping of Hampstead is still interested and Bob thinks he can do it before the ground freezes. Joe G. said John Worthen has returned as Road Agent until the Spring. Joe will let him know that they will need to bring the granite curbing up to the Meetinghouse when Bob is ready to start the work.

Rob measured the length of the bell rope, and it was less than 100 ft. He will order the rope in the coming weeks.

Rob said a resident asked if the Cobbler Shop will be opened during the lighting of the Christmas Tree event. Rob said yes. He said another asked about having a ringing of the bell during the Tree event. The commission thought it would not be a good idea since the bell rope would not be replaced by then.

Old Business

Joe stated that the Cobber Shop needs some repairs. Rob suggested that the commission make a list of all the things that need to be repaired. We can then discuss how best to fund the repairs whether via town funds and/or a grant (i.e., Festival of Trees).

Rob reminded the members that the Town of Hampstead will be 275 years old on January 19, 2024. He is having a meeting with some community members to discuss a possible 275th celebration. The purpose of the meeting is to determine the community's interest in having a celebration. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 17th at 7 PM. He said all commission members are invited to come.

Rob has not heard anything yet about plans for the traditional Thanksgiving Service at the Meetinghouse this year. However, he expects it to be held.

New Business

Rob stated we need a mason to repair and repoint the chimneys on the Meeting House, Museum, and the Cobbler Shop and asked if anyone knew of a mason. Lyn said that she recently had a mason do some work on her house. She will send Rob the mason's name.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

John passed out the draft minutes for the October 2022 meeting. The minutes were reviewed. Joe made a motion to approve the minutes and it seconded by Chip. All voted in favor.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM EDT.

Minutes will be reviewed at Dec. 2022 Meeting