

**HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

**Minutes**

Weather @ 7PM: Light drizzle and 57 deg F

Meeting came to order at 7:05 PM EDT at the Hampstead Museum

**Members Present:**

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

**Museum**

Rob said *Jim's on Call Painting* is done painting the exterior of the Museum. Jim gave a quote of \$2,000 to paint the handicap ramp and front door which was not part of the original proposal and quote. A motion was made by Joe P. to "pay Jim's On Call Painting \$2,000 to paint the ramp and front door". It seconded by Joe G. and all members voted in favor.

Rob said that Jim looked at the gutters while he was painting and said they were fine.

Rob said the recent heavy rainfall caused some plaster from the ceiling in the lobby to come down. He contacted *Lane Roofing* to ask them to come inspect the roof and fix the leak. Josh from Lane Roofing came last week and applied three tubes of chalking in the valley of the roof. Josh said it is hard to determine the location of the leak on the roof since there are two layers of shingles. He recommended that the roof be reshingled to fix the leak. He said he could do it during the next two to three weeks. Rob said the roof was last reshingled more than 20 years ago. Rob asked Josh for an estimate to reshingle the roof. The estimate using Owings Corning architectural shingles, the same type of shingles used on the Meetinghouse recently was \$9,400.

Rob said we do not have enough funds in this year's budget under maintenance and repairs to do the work. Rob said we have about \$6000 left.

However, given the potential damage that the leak could have on the building and the collection of artifacts in the museum, the members agreed that it was important to reshingle the roof as soon as possible. A motion was made by Joe G. stating "Request Permission to Spend no more than \$10,000 to reshingle the museum roof with Owings Corning Architectural Shingles by Lane Roofing". The motion was seconded by Joe P. All members voted in favor of the motion. Joe G. will bring the request to the Selectmen.

John asked Rob if he could ask Lane Roofing to inspect the chimney to see if it needs to be repaired and repointed in the future. Rob said he would do that.

## **Meetinghouse**

Rob said the prior to the July 4<sup>th</sup> 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 found where he buys twisted manilla static rope. A motion was made and approved at the September meeting to replace the rope. Rob and John plan to meet during the week of October 10<sup>th</sup> get an accurate measurement of the rope length before Rob orders the rope.

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

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. Bob said he should be able to do the work before the ground freezes. Joe G. said the will let the highway department know that they will need to bring the granite curbing up to the Meetinghouse when Bob is ready to start the work.

Joe P. said one day this summer he saw a lacrosse player using the Meetinghouse as a backstop for practicing. He asked the player to stop informing him of the age of the house. Joe thought it would be helpful to ask the Recreation Dept. to inform teams not to use the house as a backstop.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Rob reminded the members that the Town of Hampstead will be 275 years old in 2024. He is having a meeting with some community members to discuss a possible 275<sup>th</sup> celebration. The purpose of the meeting is to gage the interest in having such a celebration. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. He said all commission members are invited to come.

The commission considered what we should request for the FY 2023 budget since the budget meeting with the department heads is scheduled for Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. The commission agreed to the following budget request since the expected increase in electricity and heating oil due to the high rate of inflation that the U.S. is experiencing presently.

## Proposed 2023 Budget Request

Building	Item	Request (dollars)
Meetinghouse	Electricity	2500
	Heating	4500
	Repairs and Maintenance	15,000
Museum	Electricity	1200
	Heating	3500
	Repairs and Maintenance	10,000

Joe G. commented that the Cobbler Shop on the grounds of the historic district needs repairs. The commission thought it would be a good project for an Eagle Scout candidate or the focus of a grant proposal. The commission will not put a request in the budget until these other avenues are pursued.

Rob has not heard anything yet about plans for the traditional Thanksgiving Service at the Meetinghouse on Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Rob asked John to email the draft minutes for tonight's meeting to Lyn since was not able to make the meeting tonight but wanted to know what discussed and decided upon.

### **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

John passed out the draft minutes for the July and September meetings.

The minutes of the July meeting was reviewed. Joe P. made a motion to approve and it seconded by Joe G. All voted in favor.

The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. Joe G. made a motion to approve and it seconded by Chip. All voted in favor.

### **Adjournment:**

Joe G. made motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Joe P. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM EDT. All voted in favor.

*Minutes were approved at the Nov. 2022 Meeting*