

HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC/HERITAGE COMMISSION

11 Main Street, Hampstead New Hampshire 03841-2033

Minutes April 4, 2018

A meeting of the Historic/Heritage Commission was held on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at the Hampstead Historic Museum, 67 Main Street, Hampstead, NH.

Present: Rob Morris, Chairman, John Kelley, Carolyn Rockwell, Debbie Soucy, and Joe Guthrie, Ex-Officio. Guests Clay Shaw, Hampstead Cable Committee and Joe Passanise.

Chairman Morris opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Town Hall

Clay Shaw, Cable Advisory Committee, was present as a courtesy to inform the Historic Commission of an ongoing HVAC problem at the Town Hall Cable Office. The 30-year old condenser on the A/C unit needs to be replaced. The RFP went out to bid and the Cable Committee selected Control Air Systems, Darren Smith, out of Sandown, NH to perform the work. C. Shaw indicated that nothing will change structurally within the building they will simply be replacing the old broken unit with a newer model. C. Shaw stated he hoped to have the work completed prior to summer.

Museum

R. Morris stated he is meeting with Dave Dubois regarding the installation of the copper caps for the entrance of the museum next week. R. Morris stated there are also two windows that require repair and will ask Dave to look at those as well. R. Morris stated he is still working on lighting options for the building. It was also noted that there are a number of spots on the walls and ceiling that require painting and repair. The commission felt it would be best to find someone with experience working with old plaster to perform these repairs.

J. Kelley mentioned that a window on the Cobbler Shop, located on Town Hall property, needs to be repaired. R. Morris will ask Dave to look at that window.

Meeting House

There were several applications for the Commission to review. R. Morris explained the process of reviewing the applications with the members. There has been a request for use of the Meeting House on 4/15/18 for a family gathering following a baptism, 6/3/18 for a family gathering, and 7/14/18 unknown event at this time (Secretary was asked to follow-up for more details).

MOTION: J. Kelley made a motion to accept and approve the requests for use of the Meeting House on 4/15/18 and 6/3/18.

SECOND: C. Rockwell

VOTE: 5-0

R. Morris advised the members that there has been no change in status regarding the possible Window Women of New England workshop to help repair the windows in the Meeting House. R. Morris stated he has some other avenues to pursue if this group is unable to provide the service.

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J. Kelley reminded the members that we planned to schedule one of the upcoming meetings at the Meeting House to check out the parking lot as well as the old kitchen in the building. R. Morris stated it would be best to have the Road Agent, Jon Worthen and Police Chief, Joe Beaudoin join the group on the site to discuss the "parking lot" area adjacent to the Meeting House.

New Business

R. Morris introduced Joe Passanise to the committee members; Joe currently serves on the Historical Society and is knowledgeable on the history of Hampstead, NH. J. Passanise is interested in serving on the Historic/Heritage Commission and told the group that he has previous involvement in the Burlington, MA and Woburn, MA Historical Societies prior to moving his family to Hampstead, NH. C. Rockwell asked J. Passanise if there was anything he would like to see in Hampstead, Joe stated he would like to have conversations with some of the older generation of "Townies" before we lose their stories. J. Passanise stated he was fortunate enough to have had a conversation with Maurie Randall.

MOTION: D. Soucy made a motion to recommend Joe Passanise as a new member to the Historic/Heritage Commission.

SECOND: J. Kelley

VOTE: 5-0

D. Soucy was asked to draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen recommending Joe Passanise as a new member.

R. Morris provided the committee members with copies of the most recent budget figures.

C. Rockwell asked about the possibility of eliminating some of the overhead wires that obstruct the view in the front of the Meeting House. D. Soucy commented that sounds like an expensive proposal. R. Morris commented that the area is mostly ledge. There was a discussion that maybe some of the wires are not needed and could be reduced. D. Soucy commented that possibly the Road Agent might have knowledge of what is on the utility poles.

Minutes

The committee reviewed the draft minutes from the March 14, 2018 meeting.

MOTION: J. Guthrie made a motion to approve the minutes from the 3/14/2018 meeting.

SECOND: J. Kelley

VOTE: 4-0-1 (D. Soucy abstained)

MOTION: R. Morris made a motion to adjourn at 8:15PM

SECOND: J. Kelley

VOTE: 5-0

Minutes prepared by Debbie Soucy, Secretary