

HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC / HERITAGE COMMISSION

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DRAFT Minutes June 5th, 2019

A meeting of the Historic / Heritage Commission was held on Wednesday, June 5th, 2019 at the Hampstead Historic Museum, 67 Main Street, Hampstead, NH.

Present; Chip Hastings, Joe Guthrie, Ex-Officio, John Kelley, and Joe Passanise.

The meeting opened at 7:07 PM

Meetinghouse

The members discussed the recent application for use of the Meetinghouse by the Sunset Lake Association. In their application they requested the commission waive the usual fee for use of the facility. The members discussed and mulled the precedent of waiving the fee. It is an infrequent request that could be looked at as an issue of favoritism. The commission found it more appropriate to offer a reduction in price of 50 percent, with an appreciation of a donation to the Historic Society, in lieu of the discount. The motion was passed and seconded.

The members discussed the newly installed temporary curbs shielding the bell tower from accidental contact with an automobile. Since lot improvements were rejected by the voters at the last town warrant article / budget meeting, the concern of protecting the town building from inadvertent vehicle contact. Steve harms from Buildings and Grounds installed the temporary curbs to aid in this concern.

Museum

Museum Curator Joe Passanise is having difficulty finding Electrical Contractors to replace the old light fixtures with safer period looking lighting for the interior. Business is brisk for contractors who are having difficulty carving out time for such a niche project. He is continuing to look. Anyone interested or can recommend a local business who would be appropriate for this job should call Joe Passanise at 978-533-9982. The museum is open Saturdays from 1 to 4 PM.

A discussion regarding the recent break in at the Sandown Museum raised concerns of the Hampstead Museum, and what steps can be taken to prevent the kind of damage done in Sandown. Surveillance and additional locking and security was talked about in further detail.

Budget Figures

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Old Business

No Old Business was on the agenda.

New Business

No new Business was raised.

Minutes

Joe Passanise made a motion to approve the last month's meeting minutes as read. It was seconded and passed.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM. It was seconded and passed.

Prepared by; Joe Passanise