

# **HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC/HERITAGE COMMISSION**

## **11 Main Street, Hampstead New Hampshire 03841-2033**

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### **Minutes December 5, 2018**

A meeting of the Historic/Heritage Commission was held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at the Hampstead Historic Museum, 67 Main Street, Hampstead, NH.

**Present:** John Kelley, Chip Hastings, Carolyn Rockwell, Debbie Soucy, Joe Guthrie, Ex-Officio, and Joe Passanise.

Joe Passanise opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

#### **Museum**

J. Passanise informed the group that Tina Harrington has asked if the Town could store surplus of the new trash and recycling bins in the basement of the museum.

**MOTION:** J. Guthrie made a motion to allow the storage of the surplus trash and recycling bins in the basement of the museum.

**SECOND:** J. Passanise

**VOTE:** 5-0 (C. Rockwell was not present during discussion or vote)

J. Passanise provided the group with an update on the suggested improvements in the museum. J. Passanise has reached out to two plaster/painter contractors, two electricians, and a lighting company. Before the museum walls and ceiling are to be plastered and painted the electrical needs to be completed. J. Passanise stated that he is working with Lightolier out of Wilmington, MA as an option for the new lighting fixtures. C. Hastings stated that he would like to group to consider adding lighting to illuminate the two stained glass windows that flank the front door of the museum. C. Hastings further stated now would be the time to make the improvement since the electrician would be in the building. All agreed it was a good idea. J. Passanise asked C. Hastings if he knew of any electricians that might be interested in the job since he is having a hard time getting a return call. C. Hastings suggested he contact Maverick Electric, Atkinson Electric, and Omni Electric.

#### **Meetinghouse**

C. Hastings provided the group with a sketch of the parking area and landscape improvement plan along with estimated cost for each task. C. Hastings explained the process of installing granite curbing and the cost, which is extremely expensive, as such the new proposal will have traditional Cape Cod curbing. C. Hastings stated that Bill Bartlett helped him with the landscape and planting design. C. Hastings noted that Petra Paving has offered to donate labor as well as the curbing for the project to the Town, the estimate for their services is for materials only. J. Passanise indicated that he has field stone available on his property that he would be willing to donate towards the project.

C. Rockwell stated that she was concerned about the cost of the project and felt the voters wouldn't go for it. C. Hastings stated it is up to the Townspeople to decide. J. Kelley stated that with a good presentation to the Town the people can decide if they like the plan. C. Rockwell felt that pulling the parking area away from the Meetinghouse was a good selling point. C. Hastings also felt that it would be a good idea to reach out to the Hampstead Garden Club (HGC) for their support. D. Soucy reminded the group that she is on the HGC and stated that she would talk to them regarding the project. The group was also looking for

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someone to help the group with a professional looking rendition of the proposal to present during the Town Deliberative Session.

MOTION: J. Guthrie made a motion to move forward with the Meeting House proposal of \$43,500 for a Warrant Article for "Improvements to the Meeting House parking area and grounds".

SECOND: J. Kelley

VOTE: 6-0

J. Kelley suggested that the group think about marketing and promoting the Historic District properties and projects in an effort to educate the Townspeople as to what properties are part of the Historic District. J. Kelley advised the group that his objective is to have all Historic District properties listed on the New Hampshire Historic District Registry.

### **Old Business**

J. Kelley informed the group that he attended the Thanksgiving service at the Meeting House. He stated there were approximately 35 people in attendance. The bell was rung. It was a good time.

### **New Business** - None

### **Minutes**

MOTION: J. Passanise made a motion to approve the 10/3/2018 minutes.

SECOND: J. Kelley

VOTE: 6-0

### **Adjourn**

MOTION: J. Guthrie made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 P.M.

SECOND: C. Rockwell

VOTE: 6-0