

HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC/HERITAGE COMMISSION

11 Main Street, Hampstead New Hampshire 03841-2033

Minutes August 1, 2018

A meeting of the Historic/Heritage Commission was held on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at the Hampstead Historic Museum, 67 Main Street, Hampstead, NH.

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

Chairman Morris opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Museum

No new updates with the museum.

Meetinghouse

Chairman Morris provided the group with an update on the July 3rd /July 4th bell-ringing. There were approximately 35 people at the event. It was a great turn-out! J. Kelley commented that one young girl went on a ride up the rope. It was great fun. J. Kelley stated that he had spoken with Howie Stedman, Civic Club, about the possibility of coordinating the bell-ringing on Memorial Day to honor fallen Hampstead residents. H. Stedman liked the idea and they will work together for the 2019 Memorial Day event.

R. Morris stated that he is working with Dave Dupouy to schedule a time that he can begin more work at the Meeting House. R. Morris stated he is waiting to hear back from the Window Women of New England on a commitment for a workshop this Fall/Winter. Lyn Rockwell mentioned that some local companies might want to help sponsor the event as well.

Meetinghouse – Parking Lot Plan

The commission agreed that before we move forward with a design plan for the parking lot, stone wall, expanded garden area, etc. that the property should be surveyed and monuments should be set.

MOTION: J. Guthrie made a motion to hire a surveyor to prepare a base survey with boundaries and monuments.

SECOND: C. Hastings

VOTE: 7-0

The group discussed the criteria for hiring a surveyor and felt that the main two points are the cost and the timeframe in which the survey can be done. The HD/HC would like to have a professional proposal to bring forward to the March 2019 Warrant Article. The group agreed to have Debbie Soucy reach out to a surveyor and inquire about cost and availability.

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New Business

R. Morris mentioned that a building was recently demolished in town, there was no historic interest in the property, however, in the past the Building Inspector, Kris Emerson, would let the HD/HC know when a property would be torn down. The group asked Debbie Soucy if she could have a conversation with K. Emerson and remind him of the process.

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MOTION: J. Passanise made a motion to approve the 6/12/2018 minutes.

SECOND: J. Kelley

VOTE: 7-0

Adjourn

MOTION: R. Morris made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 P.M.

SECOND: C. Hastings

VOTE: 7-0

Minutes prepared by Debbie Soucy, Secretary