

HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC/HERITAGE COMMISSION

11 Main Street, Hampstead New Hampshire 03841-2033

Minutes September 5, 2018

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

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

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

Museum

J. Kelley did some research on overhead lighting fixtures for the museum. J. Kelley was curious if anyone had knowledge of historic pictures that may show what the original lighting was in the building. J. Passanise thought there might be one picture that shows the entryway light. There was a discussion concerning hiring someone to install the fixtures. R. Morris wondered if anyone local would be interested in the job. R. Morris stated that the hot water heater in the bathroom seems low.

J. Passanise commented that the Historical Society has been more active with the addition of several new members. J. Passanise stated that the museum has been attracting more visitors. He stated there have been a number of recent donations. J. Passanise noted that a few old houses have been cleaned out. Juanita Randall has been donating lots of paperwork from Maury's collection. J. Passanise stated that the Historical Society is looking to purchase an archive safe fire box. J. Passanise stated they are implementing a system to archive donations and the goal is to keep the local information within the Town. C. Rockwell asked J. Passanise more about the donation process versus loans. R. Morris stated that at this time the museum is only taking donations.

Meetinghouse

R. Morris updated the group and stated that Meridian Land Surveying is working on surveying the property identified as Map 7 Parcel 47. C. Hastings stated he spoke with the field crew and they were able to locate a few pins in the ground from previous surveys. D. Soucy noted that she has seen the survey crew in the field for the past two Friday's.

R. Morris stated he was hoping that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) would be willing to pay for granite bounds to be placed on the property. The HDHC paid \$5K for the survey work and is hoping the BOS would pay for the granite bounds. J. Guthrie stated he was in support of this suggestion and would make the proposal to the other Selectmen. The information the HDHC received for granite markers is \$37 each plus the labor to install. The group felt for historical purposes granite markers are the most fitting for the site. It is important to note that the parcel in question includes the Meetinghouse, Town Hall Building, Civic Club, The Bandstand, and the field.

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Meetinghouse – Parking Lot Plan

The next step in the process is to develop a plan for the parking lot area. J. Kelley stated that he reached out to UNH and the bad news is the Thompson School horticultural/landscape management program will be eliminated this year and they are not taking on any new projects. C. Rockwell commented that she thought Salem High School had some sort of CAD program to assign with the landscaping design. R. Morris commented that the HDHC need something for the warrant article that looks professional.

C. Hastings stated that he spent two and a half hours at the Meeting House measuring and sketching ideas to see how things could be laid out. C. Hastings stated one of the main concerns is the safety of the entering and exiting vehicles. C. Hastings suggested possibly shifting the “parking area” away from the meeting house several feet.

J. Passanise suggested that maybe someone in Town that owns a landscaping company might be interested in taking on the project. R. Morris stated that is a great idea, however, at this point we need a design concept and an estimated cost to present to the Towns people.

D. Soucy was asked to inquire as to who is responsible for the maintenance of the small ball field located on the Town Hall property.

Old Business

R. Morris informed the group that he is still working on scheduling with the Window Women of New England for a workshop.

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MOTION: J. Passanise made a motion to approve the 8/1/2018 minutes.

SECOND: C. Hastings

VOTE: 7-0

Adjourn

MOTION: C. Hastings made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.

SECOND: J. Kelley

VOTE: 7-0

Minutes prepared by Debbie Soucy, Secretary