

HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC/HERITAGE COMMISSION

11 Main Street, Hampstead New Hampshire 03841-2033

Minutes October 3, 2018

A meeting of the Historic/Heritage Commission was held on Wednesday, October 3, 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. Along with guest, Randy Haight, Meridian Land Services.

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

Meetinghouse

Randy Haight from Meridian Land Services presented a draft of the boundary survey that was prepared for the Town of Hampstead for the property located at Emerson Ave and Main Street known as Tax Map 7, Lot 47. R. Haight explained the survey process to the group and provided a history of the multiple parcels that were acquired over time which include the Town Hall Building, The Meeting House, and the Bandstand Area with the field. It was discovered that the deed for the Meeting House has never been recorded. The booklet entitled "The Old Meeting House" indicates that in 1756 George Little conveyed ownership of the parcel to the Town of Hampstead. D. Soucy stated she would do some research at Town Hall to locate the deed. The HDHC members discussed the boundary plan and determined which points they wanted the granite markers placed.

R. Morris asked R. Haight if Meridian would be able to assist the HDHC with the engineering design for the project. R. Morris explained that the HDHC is more concerned with keeping the historic nature of the area versus maximizing the parking on the site. The HDHC is looking to clean up the old parking area and beautify the site. The HDHC is planning on presenting a warrant article to the Townspeople this March for site improvements. R. Haight stated he would get back to the HDHC with a quote for the engineering design estimate.

R. Morris reminded the group that there is a wedding at the Meeting House a week from this coming Saturday and that he would be ringing the bell. D. Soucy stated that there had been an inquiry from a Sandown resident who would like to use the Meeting House for a wedding reception. The HDHC members were in agreement that no exceptions would be made with regard to use of the building and that only Hampstead residents are able to rent the space.

Museum

R. Morris had no update on the light fixtures, however, he did state that he found an electrician that was willing to look at the job and provide a quote. J. Passanise stated the Historical Society has the opportunity to get a bank safe free of charge and wanted C. Hastings opinion if the building could support the safe. C. Hastings felt if the safe was placed along an outside wall it should be fine.

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Budget Figures

The HDHC reviewed the budget figures.

MOTION: C. Hastings made a motion to keep the Meeting House/Old Town Hall budget figures static for the upcoming year. Electricity \$2,500/ Heat \$4,000/Repairs & Maintenance \$5,000

SECOND: J. Kelley

VOTE: 7-0

J. Passanise led a discussion regarding the state of the walls and ceiling in the Museum/Old Library. The HDHC members agreed that the walls and ceiling need to be repaired and painted. The group suggested that they spend the remaining repair money to start the project and phase the repairs into next year when more money becomes available. There was some concern that whomever the HDHC contracts with is familiar with plaster repairs in older buildings. R. Morris stated he would check his notes for the painter he used in the past. J. Passanise would take the lead on getting quotes for the painting/repairs.

MOTION: D. Soucy made a motion to increase the Museum/Old Library maintenance and repair budget from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and to keep other line items static for the upcoming year. Electricity \$1,700/Heat \$3,000

SECOND: C. Hastings

VOTE: 7-0

Old Business

R. Morris informed the group that the \$4,799 bill from Meridian Land Services for the boundary survey has been processed and paid.

New Business

R. Morris informed the group that the HDHC received a letter from NHDOT stating that horizontal alignment signs are being installed along the roadway and asked the HDHC for any input. The group agreed that since most of the signage will be along State Route 121 there is not much the HDHC can do since it is State controlled.

At the request of Sally Theriault, D. Soucy presented a luminary bag project that is being proposed to the Town. People that choose to purchase a luminary bag will be asked to place the light candle in front of their residence on Christmas Eve. The HDHC was asked their opinion of placing the luminary bags on the historic properties. The group decided that they did not want the luminary bags on any of the historic properties.

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MOTION: C. Hastings made a motion to approve the 9/5/2018 minutes as amended.

SECOND: J. Kelley

VOTE: 7-0

Adjourn

MOTION: J. Guthrie made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 P.M.

SECOND: J. Passanise

VOTE: 7-0