

HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC/HERITAGE COMMISSION

11 Main Street, Hampstead New Hampshire 03841-2033

Minutes November 1, 2017

A meeting of the Historic/Heritage Commission was held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at the Hampstead Historic Museum, 67 Main Street, Hampstead, NH.

Present: Rob Morris, Chairman, Steve Pearsall, Carolyn Rockwell, Debbie Soucy, and Joe Guthrie, Ex-Officio.

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

Museum

- Rob stated he is still working on scheduling to have the copper caps installed.
- Rob stated he contacted a lighting specialist and is coordinating a date and time to meet at the Museum. The lighting specialist will be able to provide the Commission with quotes and options on new lights that would be appropriate to the building and energy efficient.

Meeting House

- Rob informed the Commission that he passed along the information concerning window restoration to the Historical Society.
- Rob asked Debbie to work with Sally Theriault and Tina Harrington at the Town Hall offices to develop a process relative to the rental of the Meeting House.

Old Business

- Carolyn updated the Commission on the results of her research concerning the preservation of old barns. Carolyn indicated that if she were to pursue enrolling the barn on her property into the program the tax benefit would be a mere \$125 per year. There are many restrictions under the program that may outweigh the benefits as the homeowner is making a ten (10) year commitment.
- The Commission felt barn owners in Town could enroll in the program if they felt it was an appropriate fit for them. The Commission decided to add the link to the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance to the Town website.

New Business

- Joe stated that Chip had presented a site improvement for the Meeting House which included a stonewall as well as repairs to the small parking area (100' x 200'); the quote was approximately \$50K. Essentially the proposal would provide separation between the ball field and the parking area next to the Meeting House.
- Rob indicated that the Commission should revisit this issue when both Chip and John are in attendance since John has expressed an interest in stonewalls in the past. Rob also indicated that old stones from the Town cemetery may be available at the transfer station and could possibly be reused in this site improvement project.

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- The Commission agreed the improvement could be broken down into two stages, one for a possible stonewall or fence and another for the parking area. Joe stated he would send out a request for proposal (RFP) for paving and marking of the parking area.

Old Business

- There will be no Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service this year as there has been numerous changes in clergy with several of the congregations in Town. Last year was the final service for Joseph Kurosz who passed away shortly after the event. Joseph Kurosz was instrumental for many years in working with local clergy to generate interest and support for the event. The Commission decided it was too late in the year to start the planning and notification process for the event. Discussion regarding the event will begin sometime next summer.

Approval of Minutes

- Debbie agreed to take over the responsibility of meeting minutes. Copies of the draft minutes are to be sent to Penny Williams. Debbie also volunteered to update the information on the Town website relative to the Historic/Heritage Commission.

MOTION: Steve made a motion to approve the October 4 minutes

SECOND: Debbie

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION: Rob made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 P.M.

SECOND: Steve

VOTE: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Soucy