

HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC/HERITAGE COMMISSION

11 Main Street, Hampstead New Hampshire 03841-2033

Minutes December 6, 2017

A meeting of the Historic/Heritage Commission was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at the Hampstead Historic Museum, 67 Main Street, Hampstead, NH.

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

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

Museum

- The copper pans have been completed and Rob will contact Dave to install them on the stairs of the building. The bill for the copper pans will be submitted for the 2017 budget. Steve asked if we would be able to secure a bill for the installation of the pans prior to end of year for budgeting purposes, hoping the HDHC could encumber the dollar amount.
- The board reviewed the most recent budget figures. There seemed to be a decrease in some amounts, Chip commented that he hopes the decrease is due to the new heating system that was installed in the building.
- Chip suggested a motion sensor light be installed on the front of the building.
- Rob stated that in order to budget for new lights inside the museum an estimate from an electrician would be needed in addition to the cost of the actual light fixtures. Rob is still working on coordinating a meeting with a lighting designer for suggestions.
- Steve asked if any thought had been given to plaster and paint work that is needed in the building. It might make more sense to do this work as a next step after the lighting has been completed.

Meeting House

- Rob stated he has contacted the window restoration folks. Rob indicated he needed more details concerning the cost in order to determine the feasibility of the project. The HDHC is hoping to restore the windows of the building with as little or low cost to the Town.
- John commented that the floor in the kitchen of the building is in bad shape. Debbie commented that there is an old stove in the kitchen that does not work. Debbie suggested the HDHC discuss what they want the building used for. Rob commented that we really do not want people cooking in a historic building.
- Rob asked the HDHC members for thoughts regarding the state of the building. There was a discussion regarding the possibility of demolishing the kitchen and returning the room to its original use of a coatroom. The suggestion for the floor was to return it to hand planed pine to match the rest of the building. Rob thought that Dave could help with this.

Old Business

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- Chip unveiled a restored Grand Army Republic gave marker that was found in the old crypt at Center Cemetery. Chip asked if another member, who was more internet savvy, could find some more information on the piece so that the HDHC could write up a little something to describe the piece alongside the display.

New Business

- Joe presented a sketch to the HDHC members proposing paving and some landscaping on the Meeting House site. Chip suggested that the HDHC meet at the location to discuss the proposal on a Saturday so that everyone could see what Joe was describing. Everyone agreed that this would be the best idea. There are issues with the site lines and it was felt that a professional engineer may be needed to formally move forward with any site improvements.
- Joe stated he received a request from the Lions club to add a storage shed on the Town property located behind the Civic Club. Debbie asked about the current location of their storage and asked why they could not simply improve on that shed. Joe stated the current shed is in disrepair and the owner really does not want them on the site any longer. Chip mentioned there might be space at the old Town garage location. Joe stated he would let the Lions know of possible alternative locations.

Approval of Minutes

- Rob did not have copies of last month's minutes for distribution. The November minutes will be reviewed/approved at a future meeting.

Member Comments

- Debbie informed the HDHC members that she has updated the information on the Town website. She indicated she would research the possibility of adding minutes to the website similar to other committees. Debbie also indicated that it appeared the last time the commission regulations were updated was in 1998. She stated she would do further research on the RSA's relating to the HDHC.

MOTION: John made a motion to cancel the January 3rd meeting

SECOND: Chip

VOTE: 7-0

MOTION: Carolyn made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 P.M.

SECOND: Steve

VOTE: 7-0

Minutes prepared by Debbie Soucy