

HAMPSTEAD HISTORIC / HERITAGE COMMISSION

11 Main Street, Hampstead, New Hampshire 03841-0233

Minutes January 2, 2019

A meeting of the Historic / Heritage Commission was held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at the Hampstead Historic Museum, 67 Main Street, Hampstead, NH.

Present; Rob Morris, Chip Hastings, Joe Guthrie, Ex-Officio, John Kelley, Carolyn Rockwell and Joe Passanise.

Rob Morris opened the meeting at 7:07 PM

Meetinghouse

With the final vision and rough cost estimate in place, a formal presentation attempt will be made to the town at the first public hearing on Budget and Warrants on January 9th, for a Warrant Article regarding the completion of the former Police/ Fire Station site. A cleaner open space solution providing new parking spaces at a safer distance from the meetinghouse as well as some visual upgrades, including but not limited to, hardscaping, landscaping and stone wall. It will be presented as the most cost effective way to maintain open space consistent with the esthetic of the historic district, while offering a parking solution to Hampstead Green. Final assignments were given for preparations for the presentation. The Warrant will be for \$43,500 to make the necessary improvements to the site. Chip Hastings volunteered to approach the Garden Club and other contractors on their expertise and ideas. Lyn Rockwell and Joe Passanise will be working together create an artist concept to aid in visualizing the end result. Ideally four views including an aerial view. The deliberative session is scheduled for February 8th at 7 PM

Museum

Museum Curator, Joe Passanise reported he is beginning to receive cost estimates from contractors regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the museum interior. Passanise is seeking here estimates from plaster / paint contractors, but must first focus on updating the lighting to a safer alternative while maintaining a period look. Passanise is seeking three electrical bids for the rough-in wiring and installation of new fixtures. The work of repairing and sealing the walls can then be tackled. This work is ongoing for the best deal possible.

Budget Figures

Old Business

No Old Business was on the agenda.

New Business

A letter of resignation from Debbie Soucy was received by Rob Morris. Although her stepping down is a loss due to her experience and knowledge, the commission all wish Debbie the best in the future. It will go to the Selectmen who will post an opening of the seat.

Minutes

Joe Guthrie made a motion to approve the 12/5/2018 minutes as read. It was seconded and passed.

Adjourn

John Kelley made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 PM. It was seconded and passed.

Prepared by; Joe Passanise