

Minutes March 6, 2019

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A meeting of the Historic District/Heritage Commission was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at the Hampstead Historic Museum, 67 Main Street, Hampstead, NH.

Present: Rob Morris, Chip Hastings, John Kelley, and Joe Passanise

Guest: Darlene Cote

President Rob Morris opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Darlene Cote of Collins Drive informed the Commission of a potential subdivision in their neighborhood. She said the subdivision would be off a town Class 6 Discontinued Road which extends from Hadley Road to the town's conservation land. She provided the Commission with a map depicting the location of the potential subdivision and stone walls along the Class 6 road. She said, that based on her research the road, the road would have to be upgraded to a Class 5 road which would involve widening the road to the required 50 ft right of way. This would require removing the stone walls on one or both sides of the road. According to the town's 2018 Zoning Regulations under General Provisions, entitled Stone Wall Preservation, 'Land use activity may not alter the location of or remove any roadside stone wall which was made for the purpose of marking the boundary line of or which borders any public road in the Town of Hampstead, except upon review of the Historical Commission and approval of the Planning Board or the Department of Transportation.' Rob Morris said that he will ask the Planning Board secretary to inform the Commission when the subdivision is put on the agenda of the Board of Selectmen and/or the Planning Board so the Commission can review the formal subdivision plan and provide their opinion to the Selectmen and/or Board regarding any removal of the stone walls along the present Class 6 road.

Meetinghouse

Rob Morris thanked Chip Hasting for giving the presentation about the warrant to fund the completion of the former Police/Fire Station site adjacent to the Meetinghouse Park in the Historic District. The warrant will provide funding to provide new parking spaces, hardscaping, landscaping, and a stone wall to separate the parking lot from the baseball field on Meetinghouse Park. Rob mentioned that the warrant will be voted upon at the Town Election scheduled for next Tuesday, March 12th. There was no other items relating to the Meetinghouse to be discussed by the Commission.

Museum

Joe Passanise mentioned there are three electricians interested in providing quotes for installing new, more historic period appropriate lighting fixtures in the museum. Joe said that he provided copies of the catalog of period lighting fixtures that John Kelley gave him at the last meeting. Joe anticipates that he will have the three quotes at the April meeting. Rob Morris said after the lighting fixtures are replaced then the Commission's next priority is to repair the plaster on some of the interior walls and then repaint the walls.

Joe Passanise said that the Hampstead Historical Society has seen an increase number of visitors to the museum in recent months and recent donations have been cataloged.

Old Business

Rob Morris said the Commission needs to return to the topic of the condition of the kitchen in the Meetinghouse later this year.

New Business

Chip Hastings informed the Commission that the town's annual report for 2019 was dedicated to the Maury Worthen who retired from the Hampstead Fire Dept. after over 40 years of service. He is a former member of the Commission.

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Chip Hastings recommended that the words first and public be removed from in front of deliberative session. Rob Morris will remove those words for the final version of the Minutes. Chip made a motion to approve the Feb. 6, 2019 minutes as amended. It was seconded by Joe Passanise and passed.

Adjourn

John Kelley made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 PM.

Prepared by: John Kelley