

Approved at
15 Dec 2016 meeting



17 November 2016
Heritage Commission Conference Room
237 Atlantic Avenue

Present:

Paul Cuetara
Jane Currivan
Donna Etela, Chair

Jim Maggiore
Jane Robie
Cynthia Swank

Alternates: Carolyn Brooks, Jeff Hillier, Vicki Jones

Absent: Nancy Monaghan

1. Call to Order at 9:33am.

2. Treasurer's Report. Currivan reported no change except 61 cents in interest. \$1000 is in operating budget, and \$4949.25 in the Heritage Fund. The Treasurer's report was accepted as prepared. (Robie moved, Cuetara seconded).

3. Approval of Minutes. October 20, 2016 minutes were approved as amended to include the funds available amount. (Currivan moved, Maggiore, seconded).

4. Old Business

Etela asked Maggiore to summarize the past months' effort at developing a proposal for a Public Safety building on Route 1. Michael Castagna who had been a member of the Chauncey Committee and subsequent Fifth Municipal Facilities Committee in 2015 had approached the Select Board about a public / private partnership with JDL Castle Corporation to find land, design and build a Public Safety building on Route 1 at a not to exceed cost. That cost would be voted on in a 2017 March warrant article. Initially, the project seemed to be going well but in October Castagna reported that the price would be approximately \$7 million, well over the \$4.3 million cost of last year's proposed building on the Homestead property. In addition there were several other worrisome aspects: the Town would be paying for two parcels of land but would not get the rights to the conservation land; a traffic light where the driveway, Route 1 and Hobbs Road intersect, an approximate cost of \$250k, was not included; the reconfiguration of the triangle also was not known; and the building was several thousand square feet larger than the one designed for the Homestead property. The Select Board voted to reject the proposal. This unsuccessful effort means the public safety building and rest of municipal facilities are set back yet another year.

Section 106/Drake's Hill/DOT. Swank reprised some of her summary about the proceedings at the Division of Historical Resources 50th anniversary symposium previously distributed via an October 29th email to Heritage Commission members and to Margaret Schoenberger and Debby Kanner of Little Boar's Head Heritage Commission.

Much potential activity may occur around Drake's Hill: cell tower, bridge, and rail trail. Maggiore may contact Nancy Jane Luff; Cuetara will ask Scott Bogle. Someone may contact Jill Edelmann, Cultural Resources Manager at DOT.

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Maggiore will find out if the town has a floodplain management ordinance and contact one of the LBH commissioners, Dickie Garnett, about FEMA regulations and that a waiver or a variance may be possible.

275th Town Anniversary/HC role. Etela stressed that the 275th anniversary committee is not a sub-committee of the Heritage Commission although some HC members are attending the meetings.

Jones will ask to be on the Select Board agenda and request the Board to make the 275th anniversary committee a town committee. She will ask Ryan Cornwell about setting up an account for the seed money and for donations. Maggiore agreed to serve as the SB representative. Jones then described the tentative events. Cuetara mentioned Hampstead as a possible town to contact. [Secretary's note - its 275th is 2019]

HC/HDC update. Swank will follow up with Jane Christie of Kingston to learn if Kingston's Heritage Commission will host the regional event.

Eagle Scout Barn Project. Jay Idell is expected to turn over the completed spreadsheet with photographs later today at a meeting with Etela and Swank. The HC will need to discuss how best to use the results and convey the information to others.

Hazard Mitigation/Historical Resources. Hillier and Maggiore attended the last meeting. The historical resources map will be an appendix and Maggiore thought the barns spreadsheet also might become an appendix. The next meeting is January.

5. New Business

DHR Symposium. Previously discussed in Section 106 item. Swank described the archeological mitigation case in Keene.

Timeline, website. Managing web pages on the new website were discussed, who does the work, and who will be overseeing the website.

6. Next Meeting Date & Time. 1/19/17 at 9:30am unless otherwise notified.

7. Adjournment. 10:53am

Cynthia G. Swank
Recording Secretary