

Approved at  
18 Feb 2016 meeting



21 January 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. The meeting was properly posted. Called to order at 9:38 am.
2. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer distributed the statements for the Commission's general fund and Heritage Fund accounts as well as a narrative description. \$950 remains in the general fund and \$4861.78 in the Heritage Fund savings account. She offered to assist in any budgeting efforts for projects. The report was approved unanimously. (Robie moved, Cuetara seconded).
3. Approval of Minutes. December 17, 2015. Moved by Cuetara, seconded by Robie, the minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Old Business  
**Rails to Trails update.** Cuetara reported that there will be a meeting on Feb 11 in Seabrook with representatives of the Department of Transportation. He and the Town Administrator will attend. There will be a subsequent debriefing meeting in North Hampton on February 16, Mary Herbert Room, at 7pm to which all the Seacoast Rail Trail representatives as well as the public are invited. Scott Bogle of the Rockingham Planning Commission will be the speaker.

The State and Pan Am are reported to be close to agreement. The regional group is working on developing a common Trail Maintenance Agreement. An agreement between the Town and the North Hampton Trails group, a 501 c 3 organization, also must be

finalized. Hillier and Maggiore explained aspects of the rail trail effort, including the transfer by the State to the Town of the right of way, the Federal government's role in uses of the trail, and the numerous questions regarding costs, responsibilities and liabilities that must be considered and agreed upon.

**Town Campus Facilities/Citizens Petitions.** Etela distributed a copy of the statement she made as a private citizen at the January 11th Select Board meeting regarding a second citizens' petition. A discussion ensued about the various scenarios if one, two or all three pass and the legality of the latest petition.

**NH Council on the Arts Grant.** Swank reported that the Megaethoscope prints were delivered to Northeast Document Conservation Center [NEDCC] yesterday and that the work will likely be completed sometime in the Spring.

**FEMA/DHR Disaster Grant.** Consultant Lisa Mausolf is to prepare a plan of work in time for the Commission's February meeting. Jones described the quarterly report to the State she prepared. Debbie Kanner has agreed to be the Little Boar's Head Heritage Commission's liaison on this project. Etela mentioned that she had forwarded the DHR e-newsletter *Old Stone Wall* to everyone earlier where the awards were announced. She also wrote about the two grants for the upcoming community newsletter. Jones and Swank will collaborate to write a press release.

**275th Town Anniversary.** Maggiore does not believe there has been a response from the person who has been asked to head up the effort. He will have an answer by next meeting.

**Regional HC/HDC Meeting.** Jones phoned Throwback Brewery but has yet to speak to one of the owners. She will follow up. If there is a negative response, the Commission at its February meeting will consider another venue.

**NH Coastal Risks & Hazards Commission.** Hillier attended the December 17 meeting at the Great Bay Discovery Center. He reported that it was a well-attended, interesting, and informative meeting to review the preliminary recommendations of the Commission and to offer input. Shep Kroner is Town representative on the Commission. Hillier found the marshland migration issues, in particular, of significance to the town.

[Maggiore left 10:32 am]

**HC Budget Line Designation follow up.** Ryan Cornwell informed the Commission's Treasurer that the Heritage Commission budget line is now no longer subsumed under the Planning Zoning accounts.

Cuetara reported that he, Scott Bogle, and circuit rider Jenn Rowden will work on the Town's recreation section of the Master Plan, most likely not until after February 11.

Action Items. None that had not been covered or will be covered in new business.

## 5. New Business

**Megalethoscope restoration and funding.** Etela is seeking someone to both conserve the Megalethoscope and make a stand for it so that it can be used. Contacts on the seacoast have not yet panned out; she will try the NH Antique Co-op in Milford. Michael Lee, head of paper conservation at NEDCC, had suggested the Williamstown Art Conservation Center and is to supply a name. Object conservator Barbara Mangum in Somerville provided a treatment proposal and estimate in April 2014 for the Megalethoscope and would use someone else to construct the stand. Once someone is selected and the cost known, Etela expects to reach out for private funding.

**Planning Board Community Survey.** The Long-range Planning subcommittee is creating a community survey and asked PB members to send its first effort to one or two people for comments. Monaghan sent the link to several Commission members who responded to the survey and conveyed their concerns. Hillier offered to attend tonight's work session and speak, if appropriate and given the opportunity

**Street Sign Subcommittee.** Etela asked Swank, Jones, and Robie to ask Apple this afternoon to provide a formal request so that the Heritage Commission has some direction as to what is expected. Involvement of the Police and Fire Chiefs seems likely.

6. Next Meeting Date & Time. Thursday, Feb 18 at 9:30am.

7. Adjournment. 11:21am

Cynthia G. Swank  
Recording Secretary