Approved as prepared At 15 Feb 2024 meeting



## Minutes 2024 Jan 18 237a Atlantic Avenue Mary Herbert Conference Room

Present:

Donna Etela Vicki Jones Jim Maggiore Susan McCullom-Barry Carol Seely Cynthia Swank

Alternates: Nancy Monaghan, Jane Robie

Absent: John Sillay

1.Call to Order at 9:30am.

- 2. Treasurer's Report. The reports for the month of November and December were approved unanimously with corrections. [Swank moved, Maggiore seconded]. At the beginning of November, the Heritage Fund had \$37,753.99. \$102.75 interest was credited for November and \$99.69 for December, raising the total to \$37,956.43. \$17,550 of that amount is dedicated to the Walkway Project. The Commission has \$21,406.43 including its \$1000 operating budget available for other Commission purposes.
- 3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of 16 November 2023 were approved unanimously, with a correction that the closing date for Barn Easements is April 15. [Maggiore moved, Seely seconded]

## 4. Old Business

**Past Perfect/Web site update.** Swank is looking for photos of the new Public Safety building and the opening ceremony. Maggiore will check for photos.

Walkway Complete. The Stone Building walkway is complete

**Progress at 93 Exeter Road**. The four-square house has been moved and the connecting tower is in place.

## **Action Items**

The Select Board has thanked donors. Barn tour photos have been digitized Barn Easement will be publicized in January

## 5. New Business

**Barn Easements.** There are three barns whose easements are up in 2024.

Rhoades - 148 Lafayette Road (Drake Farm)

Coughlin - 79 South Road

Chauncey – 28 Hobbs Road

There was extensive discussion about re-application for the easements, what information the assessor provided to barn owners in 2014, and what information was provided to other barn owners after 2014 (Brandt, Carrier, Herring, Etela, Meyers).

Maggiore will research properties to determine information given to barn owners.

**Stone Building.** A query on Facebook about color choices on the Tudor revival sections of the building.

**Rye Demo Review.** House at 237 Locke Road is free to anyone who can move it. There is a public hearing on January 25<sup>th</sup> at Rye Town Hall.

**Eye to the Future.** Possibly do a barn survey. Jones will contact Lisa Mausolf to get her thoughts on cost, time, and involvement with John Porter.

**Other.** Maggiore mentioned that a bill has been proposed to the legislature to fund the scanning of New Hampshire town records so that 91(a) requests can be filled more easily from a central location. Swank provided guidance as to the current state of records management in NH.

- 6. Next Meeting Date & Location. 2/15/24 at 9:30 am in the Mary Herbert Room, Town Office Building.
- 7. Adjournment 10:50 am

Vicki Jones for Cynthia G. Swank Recording Secretary