



Heritage Commission

20 July 2017
Heritage Commission Conference Room
237 Atlantic Avenue

Present:

Paul Cuetara
Jane Currivan
Donna Etela, Chair

Jim Maggiore
Jane Robie
Cynthia Swank

Alternates: Carolyn Brooks, Vicki Jones

Absent: Jeff Hillier, Nancy Monaghan

Also present: Lisa Mausolf

1. Call to Order at 9:34 am.

2. Treasurer's Report. Currivan reported a debit at the end of May for the cost of the Megalethoscope slides (digital imaging and insurance) absorbed by the Commission in 2016. As of the end of June the combined balance is \$5532.92. Finance Director Cornwell will transfer \$920.80 to the TD Bank Heritage Fund account representing unexpended funds from the Commission's FY2017 operating budget. The report was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes. June 15, 2017 minutes as prepared were approved unanimously (Cuetara moved, Robie seconded). July 14, 2017 minutes as prepared of the special meeting were approved unanimously (Cuetara moved, Robie seconded).

4. Old Business.

FEMA Grant, July 17 Historic Resources discussion with Lisa Mausolf. Etela indicated that some Agricultural Commission members may wish to speak with Mausolf this afternoon at the Historical Society's Curators Working Group session. They are seeking information and advice about doing a barn survey.

Cuetara offered to loan Mausolf an historical sketch of North Hampton he and the late Robert Southworth had prepared.

Mausolf thought the discussion/interview with some North Hampton natives had been great and useful. She suggested that the Historical Society might sponsor similar group or one on one interviews by theme. Others who had been in attendance agreed with her sentiments. Participants were Carolyn Brooks, Kendall Chevalier, Bruce Dow, Cedric Dustin, Beverley Frenette. and Priscilla Leavitt.

Dustin had spoken about locating some of the Town's bound markers, especially the one on Barton's Hill. Maggiore thought a Hampton selectman had taken photos of the markers during the last perambulation required every seven years. Maggiore will provide Mausolf with a copy of the report. He recalled that most were granite markers and noted that one was near Imprints Day Care. Maggiore can accompany Mausolf to see a few of them.

Mausolf also is seeking information about local builders in the 20th century. Brooks confirmed two names.

Mausolf expects the report to be ready soon. The NH DHR had very few comments and nothing related to the text. One of the next steps will be providing the information for the Rockingham Planning Commission mapping piece of the project.

Etela asked if Mausolf could obtain electronic copies of the Town's State Register properties that include the signed approval.

275th Town Anniversary/Hillary Christopher, intern. Swank reported that Christopher is working on four tasks: 1) updating from 1975 to the present the North Hampton Timeline produced a number of years ago by Jenny Holbert (formerly Landman) and her sister Penny Holbert, both members of the Historical Society and Heritage Commission; 2) editing the existing Timeline and researching the possibilities of making it an interactive feature on the Town website; 3) creating with the assistance of students or Boy Scouts a Story Walk-like feature for the 275th October festivities depicting the sites in and around North Hill; and 4) preparing a quiz, also for the 275th, for which the winners will receive gift certificates from the North Hampton Business Association. She may incorporate a question about an ingredient that Throwback Brewery may use in a beer for the occasion.

Town Hall. Langley Construction prepared a quote for Town Hall exterior clapboard repair and painting. There were numerous questions. Among them were preparation, percentage of boards (sf) that may need to be replaced as a percentage of the entire building (sf), wood choice, whole building versus the east and west sides, paint option.

It was pointed out that there needs to be a common scope of work provided by the Town so that potential vendors as well as townspeople understand what the project entails and so that the resulting information and quotes can be compared.

Mausolf and others noted that historic building contractors in NH and New England do not lack for work and there is a reason they are in high demand. Bedard is doing an assessment for Centennial Hall; Mausolf suggested contacting him by phone, not email.

Jones will check with Peter Michaud of the NH DHR, and the coordinators for the Mooseplate and LCHIP grants. It was agreed that next summer is the soonest such work could be done. Maggiore wants a dollar figure in time for budget season.

[Robie left 10:32am . Brooks to vote for Robie]

Maggiore will send to members the Langley quote, including a brief description of a specialty paint, and will call Bedard and Preservation Framing to obtain comparative pricing.

HC Webpages. A revamp is underway with Jones and Swank providing documents to Jan Facella where needed. Some of the documents that used to appear on the Commission webpage will reappear on the Historical Society webpage when created as they are more appropriate or "belong" to that organization. [The two entities did numerous joint projects in the past and there has always been some overlap in active members.] Mausolf was reassured that the existing timeline as PDFs still exists and will be available as it remains a valuable source.

Barn Easements. Maggiore summarized the policy/procedures for handling barn easement applications. A couple of questions were raised; it was agreed that further reading of the language in the statute and how it might affect the policy seems warranted. Members are to read the statute and section 3b of the policy and provide comments. Maggiore indicated he will table discussion of the policy at next Monday's Select Board meeting as there is no rush to produce a revised version until next Spring.

Action Items. Mausolf did not need Robie to drive along Route 1 with her.

5. New Business

Rail Trail (not on agenda). Cuetara passed out a NH Seacoast Greenway info sheet. He understands that negotiations have concluded and that there will be meeting of representatives from each seacoast community soon *re* construction of the Rail Trail. He noted that signage and way station design will be done on a regional basis so that it is consistent and cost-effective. Width of Rail Trail is 66 feet. Discussion has already begun regarding regional implementation of public safety equipment and alarms. After Cuetara mentioned the many photographs Jeff Latimer had taken of other Rail Trails, Etela suggested that the Select Board might wish to have Jeff Latimer give a talk and slide presentation.

DOT Drake Hill Bridge Letter and next steps. Etela sent the Commission's response about mitigation to Christina Perron, Senior Environmental Analyst, McFarland Johnson by both email and the official physical copy. Perron has acknowledged receipt. Copies are being sent to all the parties in the cc: section of the letter (Mary Drake Hale, Peter Rhoads, Select Board, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, NH Seacoast Greenway and North Hampton Rail Trail).

Maggiore received letters from Mary Drake Hale which he distributed to members. One was her response to Perron; the other to him as chair of the Select Board. He will respond to the letter, recognizing Hale's concerns and asking whether she wishes her representative on this matter to be copied on future correspondence. He also will contact NH DOT to get information about the traffic survey about that may answer one of her questions.

6. Next Meeting Date & Time. Thursday, August 17 at 9:30am.

Adjourned. 11:18 am

Cynthia G. Swank
Recording Secretary