



Heritage Commission

19 Oct 2017
Heritage Commission Conference Room
237 Atlantic Avenue

Present:

Paul Cuetara
Jane Currivan
Donna Etela, Chair

Jim Maggiore (arrived at 10:15am)
Jane Robie
Cynthia Swank

Alternates: Carolyn Brooks, Vicki Jones

Absent: Jeff Hiller, Nancy Monaghan

1. Call to Order at 9:35am. Jones to be Currivan when Currivan leaves at 10am.

2. Treasurer's Report. As of Sept 30, \$5535.22 is in the Heritage Fund and \$1000 in the operating budget. Pending expenditure is NH Preservation Alliance annual renewal for \$50. Robie moved, Cuetara seconded the expenditure; approved unanimously. Swank moved, Robie seconded and all approved the Treasurer's Report.

3. Approval of Minutes. September 21st meeting minutes were approved as prepared. Currivan moved, Robie seconded.

4. Old Business

FEMA Grant update. Lisa Mausolf will provide a draft in a few weeks for members to review. She has updated the survey table and given to the Chair. Jones will ask Mausolf for an electronic version this afternoon.

The Commission will forgo its regular meeting in November unless an emergency; the December meeting is scheduled for the second, not third Thursday due to the proximity to the Christmas holidays. At that December 14 meeting, the draft will be discussed.

275th Town Anniversary. Jones described the successful event. She had received excellent reports from everyone; all volunteers had performed well. Some people remarked that they saw people they hadn't for a while; Ruth Griffin's presence was noteworthy.

Only four tickets remain for the Harvest Supper at Throwback Brewery. Sue Brooks had suggested that for the ecumenical service, Rev. Deb Knowlton of Hampton's First Congregational Church of Hampton/U.C.C. be invited. All agreed it was a good idea.

Walking Tour Ideas & Cemeteries. [moved up]. Brooks recommended Woodman Museum in Dover which is having a Pine Hill Cemetery Night at the Museum this month. Similar tours of North

Hampton cemeteries might be conducted. Jones will put it on the Historical Society's January meeting agenda. Susannah Clark and Kendall Chevalier were suggested as tour leaders.

The Conservation Commission has on its webpage an electronic publication providing descriptions and maps of conservation properties. Public access conditions and locations are given. Etela will speak with the Conservation Commission Chair and encourage her to make color prints available at the Library and Clerk's Office.

[Currivan leaves; Maggiore arrives at 10:15am]

Town Hall. Maggiore provided an update. He had contacted the individuals suggested to him by Andrew Cushing of the NH Preservation Alliance--a person who had worked at Strawberry Banke, and Aaron Sturgis (Preservation Timber Framing), requesting an estimate for doing an independent inspection, assessment, and plan for Town Hall. He followed up with background information and copies of the quotes Gray Construction and Langley Construction had submitted for siding and/or painting. There apparently was a disconnect between former Town Administrator Apple and the interim Town Administrator Chief Mike Tully. Maggiore has asked Tully to follow up with the two.

Selectwoman Kilgore and BudCom member Ferraro provided two additional names to consider. A third suggestion may have come from Apple. They are Gerry Hamel of Exeter, Tim Hagan of Hampton Falls, and Fred Emanuel, Emanuel Engineering. The first two appear to be contractors that may be considered after there is a plan; the third is an engineering firm that did the original structural assessment of the clock/bell tower.

DOT Drake Hill Bridge. Etela had sent members the minutes of the last NH DOT meeting about the project; she understands that the next public hearing in North Hampton will be in the Winter.

Etela spoke with Chief Tully about the original decorative railing segment the NH DOT will give the Town as part of mitigation when the project gets underway. He suggested that it might be stored with Highway until there is a pocket park or access point to the rail trail near the bridge.

Swank brought up the suggestion of having a crosswalk between Centennial Hall and the Common. The Fire Department had put up traffic cones there for the 275th anniversary events and it did help slow traffic. Such a crosswalk might encourage further use of the Common and serve as a safety improvement during summer concerts.

Action items. Heritage Commission webpage. Maggiore indicated that the roles and responsibilities of staff are being reviewed; he will keep in mind the Commission's need and questions regarding the volume and interactive nature of some data it wishes to make available electronically.

5. New Business.

Request from Rick Milner-Historic Properties List. Milner had wished to know if a list of historic properties existed. The Chair pointed him to the historic resources map and spreadsheet based on Vision Appraisal dates. She also noted that Mausolf's work would result in an updated map and more detailed and accurate historic information.

Milner indicated he receives requests from people wanting to know what they can do to an historic building. Members were not sure if he meant individuals wanted advice about restoration and

rehabilitation or if they thought there were regulations for "historic properties". It was noted that there are no local historic districts in North Hampton and people can and do whatever they wish.

Demo Review procedure. The Chair described the snafu caused by the resignation of the Building Inspector resulting in the interim Building Inspector using the Demolition Permit, not Demolition Permit Application form, and therefore not obtaining the necessary information for the Heritage Commission to proceed with setting up a meeting of the Demo Review Committee. The correct form was found, the owner and contractor provided the information, and the Demo Review Committee is meeting Friday at 1pm, the Chair having provided the necessary 24 hour notice of the meeting.

[Brooks leaves 11 am]

Other business. Mail

- A form letter from the NH Business Association addressed to NH Land Owner about a meeting at Town Hall on October 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 for discussion about Route 1. One is to RSVP. A phone number is provided and business@nhba-local.com

Swank pointed out that it was not clear whether it was an NHBA event or a public meeting of the Economic Development Committee as the two people who signed are members and / or officers of both. Maggiore will check.

- A flyer to purchase the 2017-2018 NH Planning & Land Use book. All agreed there are sufficient copies available in Town without the Commission buying its own.

6. Next Meeting Date & Time. Dec 14 at 9:30am. (NOTE different date. No November meeting unless considered necessary).

Adjourned. 11:04am

Cynthia G. Swank
Recording Secretary