

Approved at
15 Feb 2018 meeting



18 Jan 2018
Town Hall
231 Atlantic Avenue

Present:

Paul Cuetara [arrived 10:51am]
Donna Etela, Chair
Jim Maggiore
Cynthia Swank

Alternates: Carolyn Brooks, Jeff Hiller, Vicki Jones , Nancy Monaghan [arrived 10:25am]

Absent: Jane Currivan, Jane Robie

Guests: Lisa Mausolf, LM Preservation; Lisa Montesanto, Member and Will Ludt, Chair Amherst NH Heritage Commission.

1. Call to Order at 9:41 am. Designation of Voting. Hillier for Cuetara; Brooks for Robie; Jones for Currivan.

2. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's report was approved as prepared. (Maggiore moved, Jones seconded.) There is \$950 in the operating budget; and \$5539.67 in the Heritage Fund.

3. Approval of Minutes. The December 14, 2017 minutes were approved as prepared. (Jones moved, Brooks seconded) .

4. Old Business

Barn Easement Procedures. Two members had sent comments on last month's draft to the Chair. Maggiore will incorporate them and circulate the final draft for approval at next month's meeting. The Chair gave a brief summary of the barn easement process in North Hampton, and issues that have arisen in past couple of years. There are ten easements on six properties.

Town Hall Assessment. John Schritzler has visited multiple times and was expected back today. Jones reported that he was seeking historic pictures of the steeple.

FEMA Grant Presentation Lisa Mausolf. Mausolf gave a slide presentation and answered questions. She will be doing a public presentation in March emphasizing architectural styles. Maps have been finished by the Rockingham Planning Commission and report should be ready for printing and online access within a week. Swank will prepare a title / preface page and Historical

Society is putting together the cover for the report. Mausolf provided Swank with a thumb drive containing the photos she took that appear in the report. Copies of the maps also will be available in Town Offices, the Heritage Commission conference room (stone building) and be part of the natural hazards mitigation plan.

Mausolf's summary of findings are:

- Continue work on expanding the inventory including North Hill, Pagetown, Little River, barns, Town Hall district and archaeological resources. Also, properties specifically mentioned in text.
- Additional National Register listings should be pursued if there is local interest.
- Update the Little Boar's Head inventory/National Register nomination to reflect changes since 1999.

Some discussion of the Drake Hill bridge project scheduled for 2019, mitigation, and moving of the monument at Drake Farm occurred. Hillier reported that there is no movement between Pan Am and State regarding the rail trail.

5. New Business

Hillary Christopher Plymouth State U grad student. Swank reported that Christopher has completed her internship. Products include two pieces for the 275th anniversary: the walking tour of sites around North Hill Common; and the trivia quiz. The third was updating the Town timeline from 1975 to the present based upon the town annual reports. Everyone was asked to review and indicate what additional events might be considered that may not have appeared in town reports.

Ludt and Montesanto described some of the Amherst Heritage Commission activities. Ludt noted that they had developed a metal-detecting policy for town lands to protect historic resources (stone walls, cellar holes, mill sites) from disturbance. He mentioned that they are trying to be more visible by having a member attend other land use boards' meetings. Etela mentioned North Hampton's land use boards "summit" of the past two years; and Monaghan described it.

[Brooks left 11:06am]

Cuetara mentioned the Commission's mission statement, credited Jenny Landman for her impact upon the Commission's development, and noted that members at intervals have created their own niches -- Town Hall rehabilitation; rail trail; the 275th anniversary.

6. Next Meeting Date & Time. Thursday, Feb 15 at 9:30 am

7. Adjournment 11:11am

Cynthia G. Swank
Recording Secretary