



Heritage Commission

Minutes

17 Sep 2020

David Page Homestead

75 Exeter Road

Present:

Donna Etela, Chair

Jeff Hillier

Vicki Jones

Jim Maggiore

Cynthia Swank

Alternates: Nancy Monaghan, Jane Robie, Carol Seely

Absent: Jane Currivan

1. Call to Order at 9:31AM. Designation of Voting: Robie for Currivan.

2. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously [Jones moved, Robie seconded] after Maggiore explained how the Finance Director will be charging the PastPerfect costs for this and next fiscal year, namely that the start up fee and first annual hosting is from the document management fund and, in the new budget, the annual hosting fee and additional \$250 for web hosting will be in a separate line in the Heritage Commission budget.

3. Approval of Minutes. The August 20, 2020 minutes were approved as prepared. [Jones moved, Robie seconded].

4. Old Business

Certified Local Government [CLG]. Minutes of last week's sub-committee session were approved as prepared [Jones moved, Etela seconded].

Jones described the Sub-committee's work and its need for approval from the Select Board to "go forward". The next SB meeting is Sep 28; one representative of the Commission will attend to explain. Jones will provide information in writing.

Jones also noted that there will be an article in the upcoming Community Newsletter, and that she and Etela will be attending the Land Use Summit session next week where the CLG is the Commission's main topic.

In addition, Etela had sent an email to the Library trustees relating to the stone wall on the town property where the new Library is being constructed. It was read at the trustees meeting; they seemed unaware that the sections of wall were considered an historic resource and wished an explanation. Etela or Jones will be attending the trustees' next meeting for that purpose although subsequently Kilgore ran into Etela and indicated that the NH DOT had informed the trustees that the wall could not be disturbed.

Jones also has prepared a letter to the Little Boar's Head Commissioners and the Little Boar's Head Heritage Commission.

After the Subcommittee's meeting, Jones contacted historic preservation consultant Lisa Mausolf. Mausolf is willing and able to assist within the time constraints; she expects her fee to be within \$1k to \$3k; and will not exceed \$3k. Everyone agreed it would be well worth the money, and, after reviewing the by-laws, it was an appropriate expenditure.

Robie moved, Hillier seconded a motion to expend up to \$3,000 out of the Heritage Fund to hire Lisa Mausolf to do the necessary work to become a Certified Local Government; all voted in favor. No action will be taken until after the Select Board meeting and its approval of the Commission continuing its effort. Mausolf will guide us through the process; she has already suggested asking the applicable staff members of the Division of Historical Resources to do a road trip and actually view the town-owned properties with her and the sub-committee members.

It was noted that the next Planning Board meeting is the third Tuesday in October. That Board is the next step in the process.

Economic Development Committee [EDC] Update. Monaghan reported that Ironwood representatives attended the Committee's Sep 3rd. meeting. There were few questions and the Ironwood proposal remains the same. There will be a workshop meeting of the EDC on Tuesday *re* consensus for the Committee's proposal to the Select Board; she thinks there likely will be a vote on what goes to Select Board. As she is the Commission's representative on the EDC, she wished to learn Commission members sentiments. Monaghan made clear that she expects to vote against the existing proposal; Hillier volunteered that he, too, expected to vote no.

The discussion suggested all had been unimpressed with the Ironwood proposal. Points made included: Ironwood did not seem to take into account the Master Plan, or the UNH Survey Center surveys when formulating its proposal; the Ironwood proposal calls for significant changes to zoning ordinances which the voters have approved and why would they wish to overturn them; the chief desire of residents was to fill existing empty storefronts; and voters approved money to save the Dale Farm, suggesting no desire to add even a greater number of housing units.

Website for HC image files progress. Swank reviewed the paper records from the Town Hall/Depot resource survey project of 2012 and thinks it easier for her to go file by file,

finding the data needed for PastPerfect rather than having someone else try to create a spreadsheet of the data from the files.

Town Hall repairs. A.W. Therrian should begin the work soon.

Town Administrator Tully had mentioned an assessment of the stone building at the last SB meeting. Maggiore will follow up. Etela reminded all that Ben King had looked at the building and mentioned the eyebrow windows in particular as potentially needing repair.

Land Use Summit Next Wed 9/23 at 6:30. Etela will attend in person; Jones via Zoom. Etela will ask the other boards to provide letters of approval for the CLG applications.

Budget. Already covered.

Action Items. Barn evaluation remains an open item. Maggiore indicated that the town may hire a part-time person to assist the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, and experience in such work might be included. The late CEO, Glenn Bosworth, did have such experience.

5. New Business

Lisa Mausolf. Already covered.

Library Trustee October Meeting. Already covered. Jones and Etela will zoom or go.

Revere Bell appraisal. Etela will call Peter Sawyer for suggestions.

Additional.

Etela. She had distributed postings from the Mass Preservation listserv re Certified Local Governments that Mae Bradshaw of the Rye Heritage Commission had sent her.

Hillier. Hillier noted he had been chosen by the Commission in 2014 for the Rail Trail Committee. That committee is now being re-established and the Town is seeking seven volunteers. He knows of five or six people who are likely to join. Hillier is dropping off but will continue on the work committee for the next year or so. Members suggested a few people; Carol Seely and Jane Robie will follow up.

Announcement. The North Hampton Historical Society 2021 Calendar Is now for sale for \$15 at the Clerk's Office and Town Office as well as through the NHHS website; Friday Folder provides details.

6. Next Meeting Date & Time. 10/15/20 at 9:30AM

7. Adjournment 10:59am

Cynthia G. Swank
Recording Secretary