

Approved as prepared
at 15 July 2021 meeting



Minutes
20 May 2021
David Page Homestead
75 Exeter Rd.

Present:

Jane Currivan

Donna Etela, Chair

Vicki Jones

Jim Maggiore

Carol Seely

Cynthia Swank

Alternates: Jeff Hillier [arr. 9:38 am], Jane Robie [arr. 9:41]

Absent: Nancy Monaghan

1. Call to Order at 9:32 am.

2. Treasurer's Report. Both reports were approved unanimously. [Jones moved, Currivan seconded.] Activity in March included the \$50 charge for renewal of membership in the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and interest. No activity in April except interest. Total amount available as of 5/1/21 is \$7671.32.

3. Approval of Minutes. 15 April 2021 minutes were approved as prepared. [Jones moved, Currivan seconded].

4. Old Business

Past Perfect Invoice. Swank reported that PastPerfect had sent her an invoice for \$745 due in mid June, the annual hosting fee for PastPerfect. Maggiore will pass along to Finance Director Ryan Cornwell. The town will pay the public access hosting of \$250 or pro-rated amount when it is set up by the Company. The town will need a contract or invoice in hand before the end of the fiscal year if not accomplished by then. Swank will provide the

information to PastPerfect. The Company has the URL for the Town website but their tech staff may have questions.

Master Plan update. Jones will endeavor to distribute the update to the sub-committee soon. It is almost complete.

Economic Development Committee [EDC] Update. Etela conveyed Monaghan's report. The Planning Board [PB] discussed the zoning changes mentioned in the Ironwood report. As neither the EDC nor Select Board [SB] approved Ironwood's village center proposal, it decided such drastic changes to ordinances were not warranted but that a full discussion relating to mixed use will be considered. There is no timetable at present.

Walkway Committee. SB approved the walkway as conceived by the Committee -- a crescent at the front of the building. It may talk about bids at next Monday's SB meeting.

Maggiore reported some concerns or questions were raised about the sidewalk from department heads and George Chauncey, a member of the committee. They seem to relate to snow removal and cars possibly driving over the sidewalk. The SB tabled the sidewalk at its previous meeting.

Etela noted that \$17,550 is in hand and the people who contributed expected both the walkway in front of the building and the sidewalk as well as landscaping as part of the plan. Maggiore stated the current idea was for Finance Director Cornwell to return the money proportionally after the walkway cost is known.

Etela thought it might cause problems with the IRS for some \$5000 donors and that not only do we not know the cost of the walkway, we do not know the cost of landscaping. Both were part of the Committee's plan approved unanimously by the Walkway Committee members. Maggiore agreed and expected to direct Cornwell to put funds not expended for the walkway itself in the Heritage Fund. He also thought the Committee might be reinstated for the landscaping portion of the project.

Alternate Position(s). Etela reported that Sillay is unable to volunteer. Currivan has one lead for a person on Little Boar's Head she will contact. Brenda Tharp was suggested but she is still teaching.

Land Use Summit reminder June 24. The walkway and PastPerfect are the two Heritage Commission topics. If Etela cannot attend, Jones will sub.

Stone wall subcommittee. Barrett Ryan Salta, project manager for Bonnette Page and Stone on the new Library building, initially quite forthcoming and cooperative, has not responded to Jones' query regarding the stone wall work. Much more of the marker is above ground now; otherwise the work seems to have addressed appropriately the need to retain the integrity of what is considered by statute and definition an historic resource.

5. New Business

HC contribution to Walkway Project. [moved up before Currivan left]. The consensus was to donate up to \$1000 if additional funds are needed for the walkway. The Commission will not vote until the amount, if any, is known. [Currivan departs 10:19]

4. Old Business resumes.

Action Items. Maggiore had checked and the wall along Atlantic Avenue on the so-called Homestead property does represent accurately the boundary line between state and town.

[Seely departs 10:29am]

5. New Business resumes.

Etela reported that she and Joan Ganotis of the Agricultural Commission received an email from Chris Lane notifying them that he is working on fixing up the barn on his property. Several noted that it would be a likely candidate for a barn preservation easement next year.

Meeting schedule and location. The June meeting may be at the current location or Town Hall.

6. Next Meeting Date & Time: 17 June 2021 at 9:30am

7. Adjournment. 10:33am

Cynthia G. Swank
Recording Secretary