



Heritage Commission

Minutes
27 January 2022
233 Atlantic Ave.
Mary Herbert Room

Present:

Jane Currivan
Donna Etela
Vicki Jones (via Zoom)
Jim Maggiore
Carol Seely
Cynthia Swank (via Zoom)

Alternates: Jeff Hillier, Nancy Monaghan, Jane Robie (via zoom)

1. Call to Order at 9:34. A quorum was present. Motion per RSA92-A:2:3 to allow Jones, Robie and Swank to participate electronically. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.
2. Treasurer's Report. Report showing balances of \$8675.55 and \$8676.18 at the end of November and December was approved unanimously by roll call vote. (Currivan moved, Maggiore seconded)
3. Approval of Minutes of 18 November 2021 were approved as prepared unanimously by roll call vote. (Jones, Maggiore).

Etela noted that she had learned after the November meeting that a demo permit for a structure in Little Boar's Head had been issued on 10/14/21; it was just late in being posted.

4. Old Business

Historic District/Centennial Hall. Jones reported that on Jan 21, she, Seely and Swank had met with historic preservation consultant Lisa Mausolf for a high-level discussion about parameters and standards for such a district. Mausolf will research and get back to us within the month.

Jones reminded everyone that the hope is for Centennial Hall, the UCC church and perhaps the Green to comprise the district. As an historic district does not need to

consist of contiguous properties, if other nearby owners are interested, the Heritage Commission could consider whether such an inclusion in a district makes sense. The draft ordinance must go to the Select Board and then Planning Board; have a public hearing; and, if all goes well, appear on the ballot in 2023.

Etela noted that Marcy McCann had mentioned space at Centennial Hall could be made available to the town for Heritage Commission or Historical Society free of charge, and we could have meetings there if we wish. She also noted that if the Friends of Centennial Hall [FOCH] were to dissolve, according to its bylaws, assets would pass to the Historical Society.

PastPerfect Public Access/HC member feedback.

Swank had provided a link in advance of the meeting so that all could see the public access website. The only change, suggested by Etela, was mentioning the flag that flew that day for Town Hall Day had twenty-six stars, the number that would have appeared on a U.S. Flag at the time of its opening. Swank will note in appropriate photo captions.

There was discussion about photos taken from a public right of way for the various surveys and demo review proceedings. They will be included but Swank will likely wait until more have been entered.

When Swank asked for volunteer to photograph the Police and Fire Department in order to complement the photos taken by Martha Cummings in 2013 of other Town buildings, Sue Buchanan was suggested.

Walkway Project/Flooding/Pause. There was some discussion of the flooding in front of the stone building, and presence of silt travelling down Atlantic Avenue from Alden, possibly due to the site work on the Homestead property for the new Library and NH DOT's insistence upon changing the driveway entrance.

This weekend's snow storm may provide an opportunity to study snow removal for the parking lot. It was suggested that as there is no curb on the west side of the lot, it may make sense to plow snow to that side where it will be far from the new building rather than to the east where it will be close to the Stone Building.

It is expected that the walkway in front of the Stone Building will be done while the other walkway may depend upon the March vote.

Schnitzler Report-Stone Building/Update

Maggiore indicated that Schnitzler will repair the eyebrow windows, perhaps removing and taking them to his heated workshop. The mason who did the stairs also will do some work. Maggiore did not recall his name and texted the Town Administrator.

Building Committee Report

The warrant articles for the town campus buildings were approved unanimously by BudCom and Select Board. Renovation and expansion of the old Library will have no impact on the tax rate as financing will be from some COVID funds, the unassigned fund balance, and building maintenance fund.

Alternate Positions

The Chair encouraged continuing looking. A couple of names were suggested

Action Items. All covered.

5. New Business

Town Hall renovations per Chief Lajoie. Maggiore reported it is estimated what the Chief recommended will cost \$30 to \$40k. Maggiore has looked into a Save America's Treasures [SAT] grant but the minimum grant is \$125k so the town may seek a Fire Engineer's report which will be comprehensive and likely include additional preservation measures. He has the names of two such engineers.

With an engineer's report in hand, the Town would know the scope of work required. Maggiore suggested he would like the Heritage Commission to review and respond with its own wish list when the time comes. The SAT application is not due until December.

Swank noted that the National Park Service website indicates it must be a matching grant. Etela asked whether the other Town-owned National Register building, the original Library (stone building), and preservation work for it, could be included in a grant application. We should think about other options.

Town Administrator Tully stopped by in response to Maggiore's text at 10:46am. He said the mason who worked on the front stairs of the stone building will do the chimney flashing. It cannot be done until Spring weather. The TA had called another mason who was not available until Spring 2024.

He noted that the wheelchair ramp is broken; Hub will get it repaired. Tully also noted that for Town Hall, fire doors, wiring, and improving the sound with the building are on the agenda. [TA left 10:54]

Coastal Hazards Master Plan

Hillier who has represented the Heritage Commission on the North Hampton and LBH Coastal Hazards Master Plan Steering Committee had photocopied the draft plan's goals, and distributed them to those in attendance. He then went over the six goals. There have been two public input sessions conducted by Planning Commission. Hillier and Swank each attended one of them.

The biggest concern is water from the ocean blocking and damaging roads, affecting Little Boar's Head properties and transportation. Groundwater rise may cause leach

field problems; its rise would extend farther inland. Septic tank education is needed. There was much discussion about septic. It is difficult to enforce any possible regulations because the town cannot go on private property uninvited. Other concerns are stormwater runoff from private property and the state of culverts. Communicating and educating the public is key.

Resume Master Plan Draft

Jones will update steps and focus on 2023, sending a draft to the subcommittee and Planning Zoning Administrator Milner.

Other business. Etela distributed copies of what she wrote for the town report.

She indicated that a Friday Folder announcement re barn easements necessary. She asked everyone to provide the addresses and names of owners of any barns that may be in danger of falling down and she will get in touch with them to offer assistance.

6. Next Meeting Date & Time. February 17 at 9:30am, Mary Herbert Room.

7. Adjournment. 11:26am

Cynthia G. Swank
Recording Secretary