

Heritage Commission

Minutes 20 April 2023 237A Atlantic Avenue Town Office Conference Room

Present: Donna Etela, Chair Vicki Jones Susan McCullom-Barry

Carol Seely Cynthia Swank

Alternates: Jane Robie

Absent: Jim Maggiore, Nancy Monaghan, John Sillay

1. Call to Order at 9:38 am.

2. Nominations and Election of Officers. Etela for Chair, [Jones moved, Seely seconded]; Swank as Secretary [Jones, McCollum-Barry]; Seely as Treasurer [Jones, McCollum-Barry] Unanimous votes in favor in each.

3. Treasurer's Report for the months of February and March. As of 02/01/2023 there was a balance of \$26,420.76 in the TD Account, of which \$17,550 is designated for the Walkway Project.

During the month of March dues of \$50 were paid to the NH Preservation Alliance, bringing the operating budget to \$925. Adding the interest earned for the two months resulted in a balance of \$26,538.43 at the end of March. The March 16 & April 20, 2023 reports were approved. [Jones, McCollum-Barry]

4. Approval of Minutes. The March 16, 2023 minutes were approved as prepared. [Seely, McCollum-Barry]

5. Old Business

Master Plan/Planning Board update. Jones reported that the final draft has been submitted and will be discussed at the Planning Board's work session on May 16th at 6:30pm at Town Hall. She will send a copy to all before the work session. Etela asked Jones to present, and she agreed.

Past Perfect/Web site update. Library Director Susan Grant shared the Google Photos of the construction of the new Library with Swank. Grant indicated that George Chauncey took the bulk of the photos but Susan Leonardi and she also had contributed some. Swank is now adding the photos to PastPerfect.

Swank noted that PastPerfect had sent her a reminder notice of the annual renewal at the end of June. She will ask for an invoice to be sent to Ryan Cornwell in early June. The cost remains \$995.

Action Items.

- Swank provided Etela with a photo showing the front door of the 1972 Library building.
- Jones checked with the NH Preservation Alliance and learned there had been grants for barns, but there is nothing now.
- Jones and Monaghan, wearing their Friends of the North Hampton Public Library hats, had followed up on the newsletter suggestion and contacted all committees for specific information about each that might be included in the next Community Newsletter. They have heard from all except Recreation.
- Swank checked the Vision Appraisal database and, based upon the ones she viewed, there is extremely limited info no build date, no photograph, no condition or interior info.

6. New Business

Land Use Summit. [Moved up] The Heritage Commission's main topic will be PastPerfect. The session will be held on June 22.

Barn Easement Little Boar's Head. Etela reported that the Town had received a preservation easement application from Pat Meyers for the barn at 48 Ocean Boulevard property. The Chair had questioned whether the Little Boar's Head Heritage Commission and Commissioners should be involved. Maggiore had checked with the NH Municipal Association which indicated the pertinent laws were ambiguous but, as it relates to the Town tax, it is the Select Board's decision after receiving the Heritage Commission's recommendation.

Etela will phone Meyers to arrange a day or days that members, no more than two at a time, would be able to visit and view the barn's interior. She also will contact the LBH Heritage Commission in case their members would like to visit.

- 7. Next Meeting Date & Location. 5/18/23 at 9:30am at Town Office Conference Room.
- 8. Adjournment. 10:35am

Cynthia G. Swank Recording Secretary