



Heritage Commission

Minutes
16 November 2023
Centennial Hall, Basement Room
105 Post Road

Present:

Donna Etela, Chair
Vicki Jones
Jim Maggiore

Susan McCullom-Barry
Cynthia Swank

Alternates: Nancy Monaghan, Jane Robie, John Sillay

Absent: Carol Seely

1. Call to Order at 9:34AM; Designation of Voting, Sillay for Seely.
2. Treasurer's Report. Seely had prepared and distributed in advance of the meeting the report for the month of October. The beginning balance in the Heritage Fund was \$27,675.84. The Jo Lamprey bequest added \$10,000 and interest on the account another \$78.15, totaling \$37,753.99. \$17,550 of that amount is dedicated to the Walkway project. The operating budget of \$1000 remains, leaving \$20,203.99 available to the Commission. The report was approved unanimously. [Jones moved, McCullom-Barry seconded]
3. Approval of Minutes. The October 19, 2023 minutes as prepared were approved unanimously. [Jones, McCullom-Barry] The November 6, 2023 Demo Review minutes were approved unanimously. [Maggiore, Robie]

4. Old Business

Past Perfect/Web site update. Swank reported that she has added photos of 93 Exeter Road where the center structures are being demolished. There are four photos that Lisa Mausolf took for the 2018 Town-wide historic resources survey. Swank has also added photos provided by Robie of the entire building complex at different angles prior to the demolition. Robie, a neighbor, received permission of the owner to go onto the property.

Walkway complete/Motion to expend funds. The Walkway in front of the stone building (Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office/original Library) at 237 Atlantic Avenue has been completed. The Town Administrator obtained and provided copies of the Ricci Construction invoice in the amount of \$17,550. The Commission voted to remove the \$17,550 from the Heritage Fund to enable the Town of North Hampton to pay that amount for the project.
[Maggiore, Jones]

The Chair noted that seven residents donated the funds, and suggested that the Select Board at its next meeting mention the walkway has been completed and thank those anonymous donors.

Action Items. Swank has provided all the communications relating to the Lamprey bequest to Finance Director, Ryan Cornwell.

She had delayed asking Dave O'Brien if he was willing to digitize print photos, if necessary, of the barn tour dating from the early 2010s but will ask him tomorrow.

5. New Business

Demolition Review 93 Exeter Rd. The Chair described the owner's project. It includes demolishing the center structures dating from the 1970s; retaining but moving the existing c. 1890 foursquare house farther west on the property, placing it on a new foundation, and building a new, larger house. The barn remains as is.

Other. An extended conversation about barns ensued unrelated to 93 Exeter Road. The next deadline for submitting an application for a preservation barn easement is April 17, 2024. There was one such application last year, the first in several years. Beginning in January, we will publicize their availability via the Friday Folder and it was suggested that the Select Board mention them at

their meetings. Swank will create and put up a poster in Town Clerk/Tax Collector's building in time for property tax time.

The Chair had viewed the webinar entitled *Growing the Movement* via the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance website. She recommended that all watch it for ideas about what we might pursue as a Heritage Commission. [It is not yet on the NHPA website but shows up on youtube as of 11/16/23. Link is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0YqFPMZe_E

Etela also noted that she has a potential candidate for member on the Heritage Commission.

Jones reported that the Historical Society had received inquiries about house plaques and investigated what other towns do. Little Boar's Head Heritage Commission also receives inquiries and simply gives the inquirer basic guidance about size, number of lines, materials and the nearest business who does such work, Timberline Signs. The LBH Commission is not involved in providing or verifying the information the owner puts on the plaque.

Historical Societies and/or Heritage Commissions in some other towns are involved. Some require an application be completed if they are giving their "name" to the plaque which they order. They also charge for doing additional research.

Monaghan updated the Planning Board's deliberations about the ADU ordinance amendment which now includes a Purpose statement indicating that it is to recognize and preserve historic connected farm structures. Circuit Rider Rowden had recommended that the Board also mention "big house, little house, back house, barn" in the Master Plan, and Chairman Wilson suggested in the Historic Resources section. A discussion ensued with none of the other members expressing a desire for such an inclusion.

6. Next Meeting Date & Location. January 18, 2024 at 9:30AM in Mary Herbert Room, Town Office Building

7. Adjournment. 10:27AM

Cynthia G. Swank
Recording Secretary