

North Heritage Commission Meeting  
Heritage Commission Conference Room (Old Town Office)  
February 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Jenifer Landman, chair. Those attending were Ben King and Jane Currivan.

Approval of Minutes and acceptance of the Treasurer's report was postponed. Ms. Landman made a report of the \$15 petty cash given to her for printing costs. \$2.80 for copies has been spent, with a balance of \$12.20.

The Heritage Commission directive in the applicable RSAs was discussed as relates to current and proposed projects (notable people of North Hampton, oral histories, history of roads, cataloging natural resources of special interest, etc.) . It was decided that the notable people of North Hampton reports would include the location of the birthplace, residence, and/or cemetery location to reflect the historic site of interest, as well the history of the citizen.

Discussion and vote proceeded regarding the Board of Selectmen's new committee on the future of the Town Hall as mentioned in the Portsmouth Herald Sunday paper. The Heritage Commission voted unanimously to have Ben King represent the Commission on that committee, as he has been instrumental in the restoration project at Centennial Hall. Jenifer Landman was voted his alternate, if the need arises.

Ben will bring to this committee a list of restoration contractors, from which one could be chosen to join the committee, as mentioned (in the same article) was the intent of the BoS. (List provided by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance.) Also provided by the Alliance, a list of grants available for restoration - some require matching funds, some do not. Saving town halls is a high priority for the state heritage organizations, and many towns have done this successfully. (List provided by the Alliance.) It is stated in the RSAs referencing heritage commissions that the prime focus should be to inventory, protect, and promote restoration of its historic public buildings. The Commission appreciates the Board of Selectmen including the Heritage Commission in the planning of this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenifer Landman  
Secretary Pro Tem