



## Minutes

Thursday, 20 December 2012 9:30 AM  
Heritage Commission Conference Room  
Stone Building (Clerk's Office)

Present: Carolyn Brooks  
Paul Cuetara  
Jane Currivan  
Donna Etela, Chair  
Cynthia Swank

Alternate Members: Tibbie Field, Jane Robie

Absent: Jim Maggiore, Shep Kroner

1. Call to Order at 9:33AM.
2. Treasurer's Report. No monthly report received from Accounting.
3. Approval of Minutes. The 11/15/2012 draft minutes were approved as amended after the removal of one word.
4. Old Business
  - **Survey Update.** There was no meeting of the survey volunteers this month. There is a social gathering on December 30 between 3 and 6pm at the Etelas. Let Etela know if attending by December 26. After the new year, Etela and Swank will meet with each team to discuss lessons learned; then they, Field, and Robie will meet to refine effort.
  - **Town Hall.** The National Register nomination was submitted by the Division of Historical Resources.
  - **Master Plan: Historic Resources -Brief Town History.** Cuetara distributed copies of the draft historical sketch portion of the Historic Resources section of the Master Plan. After brief discussion, it was agreed that Cuetara, Brooks, and Currivan will meet in a work session, properly posted, in early January

to revise; they will send the revised sketch to all members prior to the January meeting. Robie will provide the date for the Town Hall.

- **State Register Nomination.** Etela and Swank will submit the State Register form for the original Library building by the end of January.
- **Heritage Commission Request to SB 11/01/2012.** Maggiore was not present to inform Commission of status.
- Action Items from previous meeting.  
**Third graders.** Robie indicated that one grandchild's reaction was "awesome" to the Wonders of North Hampton tour. He wrote a paragraph about Centennial Hall and his class chose Centennial Hall as #1 (all three classes were voting).

**Photo album.** Brooks contacted Stu Spooner who thinks Lucille Ellingwood's sister took any papers or albums. He suggested contacting Lloyd Graves rather than Simmons; Brooks will follow up.

#### 5. New Business

- **Memories Event.** Brooks, Robie, and Etela will plan a public "memories" event for May where residents can share stories and bring artifacts if they wish. The trio will contact neighboring Heritage Commissions and Historical Societies which may have held a similar event to learn what seems to work.
- **Year End Report.** Etela sent copy of the report intended for the annual Town Report for the year ending 6/30/2012 in advance of the meeting. Robie caught a typo which will be corrected.
- **Meeting with Rye Heritage Commission chair/Little Boar's Head Heritage Commission chair.** Swank and Etela had lunch with Mae Bradshaw, Chair of Rye Heritage Commission at Bradshaw's suggestion. Rye's Commission has only been in existence for about a year. The town, however, does have a demolition review ordinance and the Commission has proposed a warrant article to change the age of structures from 65 to 50 years. The Commission raised funds by a mail appeal sponsored by a local realtor. Bradshaw was enthusiastic about having a regional meeting of the Heritage Commissions sometime in the Spring or early Summer.

Later that day, when Swank and Etela were in the Heritage Commission Conference Room, Jane Rockwell, Chair of the Little Boar's Head Heritage Commission, introduced herself. She liked the idea of a regional event, and again suggested a joint meeting to view a video about the Fish Houses. She inquired about our budget and the Heritage Fund. Rockwell has contact

information for Etela and Swank which she will pass on to Janice Mellion, the Vice Chair.

- **Proposed Heritage Commission Seacoast Event.** Members agreed that an event in June at Town Hall including the Heritage Commissions of surrounding towns be set up. Etela suggested charging a fee to cover the cost of lunch. Etela will put together a list of Commissions and send everyone prior to the January meeting. She then will contact Heritage Commission chairs.
- **Heritage Commission meeting time and day.** Etela requested that everyone give some thought to changing the time and perhaps day of Commission meetings to the evening in order to attract as potential members and alternates those who do not have flexible hours during the day. It will be discussed at the January meeting.
- **Library Building Plan.** Swank will send out the documents she prepared for the Heritage Commission and for the Historical Society last Summer at the request of the Library Director, Susan Grant. She also will send a copy of the 11/29/2012 Library Building Program document.

The Heritage Commission had discussed the Library's request at its August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting; Swank sent the draft response to everyone for comments prior to its submission to Grant. Both documents were misinterpreted. (Swank as a member of the Capital Improvements Program Committee received a copy of the 11/29/2012 Library Building Program).

Swank, Etela, and George Chauncey, President of the North Hampton Historical Society, met with Grant on Tuesday, Dec 18. They pointed out that having space for exhibits for a variety of community organizations was not mentioned; there was no need or desire for an expensive gas fire suppression system; security and climate control may be compromised by having direct access to the exterior; and the Research Room description was confusing.

- **Gov. Dale Farm.** Etela and Swank attended the joint Select Board and Budget Committee meeting on December 12 when the warrant article for \$150,000 and plan to preserve the Dale Farm buildings and property was discussed.

Etela noted that Commission has been mentioned relating to the Dale Farm and the original Library Building. See the 12/14/2012 and 12/18/2012 *Hampton Union*. *Patch* has also run articles.

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- **Hobbs Farm.** Cuetara reported that the new owners of the Hobbs Farm may need a zoning variance before implementing their multi-use plans. Cuetara will inform members when the hearing is scheduled and intends to attend himself.

6. Next Meeting Date & Time. 1/17/2013 at 9:30AM, Heritage Commission conference room.

7. Adjournment at 11:13AM.

Cynthia G. Swank  
Recording Secretary