



Thursday, 20 June 2013  
Heritage Commission Conference Room  
237 Atlantic Avenue

Present:

Carolyn Brooks

Paul Cuetara

Jane Currivan

Donna Etela, Chair

Cynthia Swank

Alternate Members: Jane Robie, Tibbie Field, Shep Kroner

Absent: Jim Maggiore

1. Call to Order at 8: 32AM.

2. Treasurer's Report. No report received from accounting. Treasurer will send letter requesting that unused budget monies be transferred to the Heritage Fund at the start of the new fiscal year.

3. Approval of Minutes. The May 23, 2013 minutes were approved.

4. Old Business

**Historic Resources chapter of Master Plan -- implementation.** The Historic Resources chapter of the Master Plan has been approved by the Planning Board. Kroner indicated that the Planning Board's Long-range Planning Committee will be meeting sometime in July; and that would be the appropriate time to begin the effort to enact the Commission's recommendations that relate to the Planning Board.

An extended discussion ensued about how to proceed on some of the Commission's recommendations -- a demolition delay process, a mechanism for identifying and preserving stone walls that are not part of a boundary line, and ways in which both Planning Board and the Commission are made aware in a site plan or subdivision application that historic resources exist., possibly as a question or questions on the checklist.

Kroner will inform Etela the date and time the Long-range Planning Committee will be meeting. The Heritage Commission in the meanwhile will try to schedule a meeting with the Little Boar's Head Heritage Commission to discuss the Historic Resources section of the Master Plan and learn their members' reaction and concerns. Field will contact the LBH Heritage Commission officers and ask for several possible days and times when they would be available to meet, preferably within the next three weeks. Field will report to Etela.

It is likely that Kevin Kelley, the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, will be involved in the implementation planning effort, and possibly Jennifer Rowden of the Rockingham Planning Commission.

If agreement is reached at the Long-range Planning Committee meeting, the next steps are approval in August by the Planning Board, and a public hearing.

**Survey Update.** Etela is making the remaining Town-owned buildings on Atlantic Avenue and adjacent properties that may impact or be impacted by the new Town facilities' design a priority of the survey. The Plan NH charrette, held June 14 & 15, has provided a plan for Town facilities that may be acted upon as early as the March Town Meeting.

Etela expressed concern about the tanker trucks which are now frequently driving through Town-owned property, adding to safety issues. There may be questions about easements as well as whether properties are being used as they were intended. Etela will speak with Town Administrator Paul Apple urging that the Town-owned land be surveyed.

Etela has obtained a copy of the NH Division of Historical Resources documents relating to the abandonment and discontinuance of the Hampton Branch of the rail line as well as the 2002 Determination of Eligibility report prepared by Lisa Mausolf for a company which was interested in leasing a section of the right of way. She distributed a few copies (and one copy will be made available in the Library).

[Kroner & Currivan left] Etela designated Field to vote for Currivan.

Etela has asked Jennifer Goodman of the NH Preservation Alliance whether the organization would provide a speaker on architectural history for NH homes. Goodman was positive and will get back to her. Survey volunteers and everyone in the neighborhood might be invited.

**National Register Nomination/Stone Building.** At its June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Select Board okayed proceeding with a National Register application. The Board also hired architect Denis Mires to make plans for the renovation of the building. Etela is to meet with Mires, Apple, Town Clerk / Tax Collector Sue Buchanan, Accountant Tom McCormick, and PW Director John Hubbard at 2pm. She has the Commission's recommendations which had earlier been forwarded to the Select Board.

## Action Items

*Christmas in July* is now a Library / Historical Society event featuring a made for TV movie *The Gathering* which includes the North Hampton railroad depot. The airing is July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Library; everyone is urged to come.

The various framed awards are installed in Town Hall. Etela ordered the State Register sign for 237 Atlantic. Hubbard will provide an appropriate stake.

Apple responded to the NH Department of Transportation regarding the war memorial plaques on the I-95 bridges. The DOT will store them while work is done and then reinstall.

Swank reported that archival supplies for the historic resource materials have been received; cost was under \$105.

Swank also indicated that after responding to Jenny and Penny Holbert's letter addressed to the Commission, Jenny followed up with a note mentioning that the presentation she and Penny had done on the Battle of Bemis Heights was on YouTube. Swank will check with the Library and John Savastano and learn whether a copy of the recording is available. She noted that LBH Heritage Commission may bring up its desire to have us watch a documentary about the fish houses, and perhaps that could be turned into a community airing.

## 5. New Business

Etela indicated she wrote a letter of commendation for John Savastano and his efforts as well as the assistance provided by Recreation Director Jim O'Hara for the Heritage / Historic District Commissions regional event and Town Hall Day. It was read at the June 10<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting.

Fritz Wetherbee had three segments about North Hampton on *NH Chronicle* in recent weeks. Swank reported that they were not available on the WMUR-TV website so there is no link(s) we can add to the Town's website. She asked Savastano and WMUR does not make available these telecasts to community TV.

## 6. Next Meeting Date & Time. July 18 at 9:30 AM

## 7. Adjournment. 10:30 AM

Cynthia Swank  
Recording Secretary