



16 January 2014
Heritage Commission Conference Room
237 Atlantic Avenue

Present:

Carolyn Brooks
Jane Currivan
Paul Cuetara
Donna Etela, Chair
Jim Maggiore
Cynthia Swank

Alternates: Tibbie Field, Jeff Hillier, Jane Robie

Absent: Shep Kroner

1. Meeting called to order at 9:32am.
2. Treasurer's Report. No report provided by Finance Director. No known expenses.
3. Approval of Minutes. December 19, 2013 minutes were approved as written.
4. Old Business

Attic Finds. *Megaethoscope, Alethoscope and albumen print slides.* Swank related activities since the last meeting. The 16 x 20 inch "slides" are now at Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, MA. NEDCC will provide the Town with a treatment proposal and cost. Such a document is necessary if the Town wishes to apply for a Mooseplate grant. A second proposal also would be needed which we would seek from Paul Messier, a photograph conservator in Boston.

Swank emailed Janet Eklund at the NH State Library who manages the Library's portion of the grant program. The case must be made of the significance of these materials to the state of New Hampshire. To do so, Swank thinks it necessary to continue to do research to learn how and why the Megaethoscope and Alethoscope and albumen print slides are in the Town's possession. Their historical value is unquestioned. Julie Melby, the graphic arts curator at Princeton University's Firestone Library, Todd Gustavson, curator of technology of George Eastman House in Rochester, NY, and conservators George Lee and Monique Fischer of NEDCC all attest to their rarity. Etela will let

members know when another attic search will be undertaken to look for pieces of the equipment and any other materials which may have been overlooked.

Commission members voted to authorize Swank to purchase for an amount not to exceed \$200 supplies to house some of the Attic historical materials and the items from the Carter Lane Farm at 167 Atlantic.

Rails to Trails. Intern Martha Cummings submitted her report about Rails to Trails. Etela will send to everyone.

167 Atlantic Ave. On December 23, 2013 former owner Greg Sancoff gave to the Heritage Commission a carton full of materials he found at 167 Atlantic Avenue which neither immediate or more distant Carter family members desired. Peter Parker has begun accessioning the materials. Field, Brooks, Currivan, and Robie all expressed interest in learning and assisting in the accessioning and preservation of these and other archival materials the Heritage Commission and Town may obtain. Swank and Parker are at the Town Offices Conference Room on Monday mornings between 8:30 and 11:30 am and welcome assistance at that time.

Planning Commission Demolition Review. The Planning Board Public hearing continued on January 7, 2014. Unfortunately, it was not televised. Opponents to the ordinance Chuck Gordon, Don Gould, and Rick Stanton were in attendance with Gordon and Gould speaking. Etela spoke for the Heritage Commission and Currivan gave her perspective as a realtor. The Planning Board made a few changes and will vote at its next meeting on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30PM. Etela encouraged all to attend the PB meeting as well as the Town deliberative session on Saturday, February 1 at 8:30 am. Maggiore indicated the Town deliberative session may be at the School; a notice will be sent to all residents. Etela will check but thinks that as soon as the PB approves the ordinance, it goes into effect until the outcome of the Town vote in March.

Survey Update. *Cuetara re Vision database.* Swank will send a spreadsheet sorted by tax map and filtered to show only properties with main buildings dating from 1964 or earlier; and a summary showing distribution by age and tax map. Etela will provide the spreadsheet printout to the Building Inspector.

Robie re school slides/letter. Robie will have Jane Boesch review the acknowledgement letter before Etela sends to Wendy Crowley. A discussion about acceptance of donations, ownership issues, deeds of gift, accessioning, storage, and preservation, and figuring out who does the work ensued.

National Register Nomination/Stone Building. Late January or early February remains the likely time North Hampton will learn the outcome.

72 Atlantic Ave. Contractor Ben Auger sent Etela a message yesterday describing the efforts made and indicating it was unlikely that the buildings could or would be moved. Habitat for Humanity's program is being considered. Etela and Swank will be seeing

Peter Michaud of the Division of Historical Resources this afternoon and ask for his thoughts or ideas.

[Currivan left at 10:40am]

Town Campus Facilities. Maggiore reported that at the joint meeting of the Select Board and Library Trustees preliminary work on the presentation for the deliberative session began. The group would like Etela as Chair of the Heritage Commission, George Chauncey as President of the Historical Society and Swank and Parker to participate in those aspects of the presentation relating to their knowledge and expertise.

Rockingham Master Plan update of historic resources for North Hampton. Hillier agreed to amend the existing document supplied by the Rockingham Planning Commission, and send the draft to everyone. Swank will send the link to Skydrive to Hillier which should provide some useful information for the effort.

Robie asked whether the 228 Atlantic inventory form had been submitted to the DHR; as soon as Etela calculates the coordinates, the physical photos will be added and form sent. As of now, the Commission has submitted 208, 210, and 223 Atlantic Avenue in addition to the successful State Register nomination and pending National Register nomination of the Library (237 Atlantic Avenue).

Action Items. Cuetara will contact Brooks when he sets up a day and time to interview Cedric Dustin about the property at 59 Winnicut Avenue, site of what may be the oldest house in town. Hillier is willing to loan Cuetara a digital recorder. In the meanwhile, Swank will send Cuetara the Skydrive link so that he can download the DHR inventory form and read pertinent sections of the manual. By completing as much of the form as he can, Cuetara will know what information he needs to ask Dustin. Cuetara also will look at tax maps to get a sense of the original size of the property.

5. New Business

Drake Farm. Last week the owner of Hubbington's Furniture contacted Etela after preliminary discussion with the Fire Chief and building inspector. He has a purchase and sale agreement for Drake Farm. Swank and Etela will attend a meeting with all interested parties this afternoon where the DHR's Peter Michaud will explain some of the possibilities for the rehabilitation of the buildings.

Town Report. Etela sent a copy of her report to members.

Nominations and Terms. Etela's and Brooks' terms are up as well as the terms of all the Alternate Members. She asked that each decide whether they wish to continue and let her know. Brooks indicated that if an Alternate Member would like to become a Member with three year term, she is willing to become an Alternate. Etela asked for suggestions for a fifth Alternate Member, the maximum permitted.

Etela will check with Kroner and if a Demolition Review Committee is needed during the time period between January 21st and the March election, she will be contacting members to serve.

6. Next Meeting Date & Time. Thursday, Feb 20th at 9:30AM

7. Adjournment. 11:39am

Cynthia G. Swank
Recording Secretary