



Thursday, 16 October 2014
Heritage Commission Conference Room
237 Atlantic Avenue

Present:

Donna Etela, Chair
Jim Maggiore
Jane Robie
Cynthia Swank

Alternates: Carolyn Brooks, Jeff Hillier

Absent: Paul Cuetara, Jane Currivan, Tibbie Field, Nancy Monaghan

1. Call to Order at 9:40 AM; designation of voting Brooks for Currivan; Hillier for Cuetara
2. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Currivan left the information for the meeting. Unexpended funds from last year's budget have been moved to the Heritage Fund savings account as well as a \$100 donation. Maggiore will speak with the Finance Director about removing the Heritage Commission budget line from the Planning Board.
3. Approval of Minutes. Members approved the September 25, 2014 minutes
4. Old Business.

Attic Finds-Alethoscope. Maggiore will pick up the 1857 wall map of Rockingham County from NEDCC tomorrow. Swank will notify NEDCC in advance of his visit. Swank asked whether the Commission has permission to sell, give away or otherwise dispose of unwanted materials discovered in the attic of the stone building. The Select Board has given permission to sell the Alethoscope with the proceeds to go into the Heritage Fund. Swank will draft an email and notice to possible buyers of the Alethoscope; Etela and Swank will take photos to accompany the description.

The only other items of some interest are the stereoscopic photographs which include some of New Hampshire sights, mostly in the White Mountains, and other prints that were produced by New Hampshire companies. None pertain directly to North Hampton. Robie will check e-bay for prices of like materials; Hillier borrowed one White Mountain image to show Jamie LaFleur and learn if Plymouth State University, which has a major collection

of North Country photographs, may have some interest. There is at least one Exeter image which might be offered to the Exeter Historical Society.

Rails to Trails. The Select Board approved the creation of the Rails to Trails Committee, and named Cuetara and Hillier to it. No meeting has yet been held.

Survey Update, Centennial Hall. Marcy McCann emailed Etela that the Friends of Centennial Hall are interested in learning more about the National Register and if there would be any limitations *re* LCHIP funding or restoration. Etela asked Brooks to contact McCann about possible days and times members of the FOCH could meet with Peter Michaud of the Division of Historical Resources to discuss. Robie volunteered to assist the FOCH with historical research.

Etela will set up a work session in early December when members can brainstorm about developing a survey form to use for the Town Hall / Depot area that focuses on the basic information the Commission and Town needs to have readily available about historic buildings.

Town Campus Facilities update. Maggiore updated members. The Select Board is no longer considering construction of a Public Safety building on Route 1. Land acquisition has proved too costly with too many unknowns.

Select Board member Rick Stanton and Chair of the Library Trustees Kelly Parrott made a presentation to PAL on Tuesday about the town campus plan. Only ten people were present at this special meeting. There were several negative asides after the meeting about the current plan to have two warrant articles.

Members discussed various aspects of the plan and also objected to having two warrant articles. Other thoughts: people should be given choices about the facades of the buildings; the architect needs to provide better drawings; the Select Board needs to make clear all its work in attempting to find land on Route 1; the Library needs to get pledges worded in such a way that it can go public with a dollar amount and increase the \$ figure on its book stack pole; and that both Library and Town must be represented at any public meeting about the town campus.

LBH Heritage Commission. Etela attempted unsuccessfully to contact Jane Rockwell. She learned that the LBH Commission will meet on October 23; and she hopes to learn if they wish to hold another joint meeting in November.

Swank reported that she had reviewed the photos and information Rockwell provided about LBH inactive records. She estimates there are approximately 20 cubic feet of records currently and that for planning purposes, assume at least 40 feet. She noted that the LBH Planning and Zoning functions are not represented. She also noted there are supplies and equipment that total another 20 feet.

Discretionary Preservation Easement update. The Heritage Commission's recommendation was approved by the Select Board. Maggiore reported that the easements have been filed with the Registry of Deeds . Discussion ensued about having a reminder in ten years for these easements: an in-house electronic tickler file is one way or requesting the DRA to provide a notice to the Town just as it now does to the property owner.

Action Items. None

5. New Business. None

6. Next Meeting Date & Time. Thursday 11/20/2014 at 9:30AM.

7. Adjournment 11:10AM

Cynthia G. Swank
Recording Secretary