

Thursday, 19 Feb 2015 Heritage Commission Conference Room 237 Atlantic Avenue

Present:
Paul Cuetara (arrived 9:40)
Jane Currivan
Donna Etela, Chair
Jim Maggiore
Jane Robie
Cynthia Swank

Alternate: Carolyn Brooks

Absent: Tibbie Field, Jeff Hillier, Nancy Monaghan

- 1. Call to Order at 9:33AM. Designation of voting -Brooks for Cuetara.
- 2. Treasurer's Report. Approved the Treasurer's report indicating \$950 in the operating budget account and \$4859.08 in the Heritage Fund.
- 3. Approval of Minutes. January 15 minutes were amended to reflect the corrected Treasurer's report of a balance of \$4859.04 in the Heritage Fund; the minutes were approved as amended.

January 22 and February 17 work sessions minutes were approved as prepared.

4. Old Business

Agenda items for which Maggiore was needed were moved up as he had an appointment scheduled for 10AM.

Preservation easement procedures. Maggiore commented on the 2/17 SB/HC meeting relating to the preservation easement policy. He expects the SB to develop a smoother process for developing procedures.

Historic Resources Survey. Casey Maggiore completed her volunteer project of color coding the Town tax maps to show those properties with buildings dating from the 1600s to 1974. Maggiore will have the sheets scanned, provide a key to the color code and distribute to

members electronically. He will speak with the Fire Department about its property maps and learn what the colors signify on the FD's maps, and whether the department has other data that may be useful for the HC project.

Over Maggiore's protest, members voted to authorize Treasurer Currivan to purchase a \$50 Las Olas gift card for Casey Maggiore as a token of the Commission's appreciation of her work; Currivan to be reimbursed for the purchase out of the Heritage Commission operating budget.

Town Campus Plan. Maggiore indicated that he has responded to Kel Dalton's second letter to the editor opposing the Town Campus plan and noted that Shep Kroner is writing a letter to the editor of the Hampton Union. Etela said that the citizens group Our Town Our Future are writing a positive letter.

Maggiore indicated that the Select Board will hold a public event on March 7th at Throwback Brewery. Because of technical difficulties with the recording of the Deliberative Session, the Town Campus presentation will run on Channel 22 with Apple doing a voiceover for the slides. If anyone wants another presentation aired, it will be done.

[Maggiore left at 10:02am]

Attic Finds - Alethoscope, etc. Swank has sent the opportunity to purchase notice to the Getty Museum, George Eastman House, Princeton University, luminous-lint (Alan Griffiths), and James Weber. The deadline for offers is March 16th. Princeton's graphic arts curator suggested the Magic Lantern Society which Swank contacted; it is placing a very attractive notice in its March newsletter, out the first week of March. Getty asked for the conservator's report.

Rails to Trails update. Cuetara expects the committee to meet within the next two weeks.

Centennial Hall update 1/19 meeting. Peter Michaud of the NH Division of Historical Resources met Marcy McCann and Susan Brooks of the Friends of Centennial Hall, Etela and Swank and toured the building. The FOCH will provide Etela and Swank with a packet of information for them to use in preparing a National Register application. Michaud offered to take the photographs, and work with the group in polishing the form. McCann will speak with J.W.F. Hobbs' descendants about the family's papers. Estimated submission is the Fall 2015.

Town Campus Facilities. Discussed earlier.

Survey Workshop 1/22/2015/next steps. Everyone is to review the color-coded tax maps, especially those in their own area and send to Etela any corrections or observations that they deem important. There likely will be another work session. Robert Pruyne of Rockingham Planning Commission may be invited to a HC meeting or perhaps a joint

meeting with the Conservation Commission and Planning Board sometime after the March election to discuss GIS-generated maps.

Stone Building- Conference Room Files updated costs & design. Swank recounted her efforts with various vendors. The cost of the equipment is about \$1100. Currivan moved, Cuetara seconded a motion to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$1500 for the purchase and installation of the equipment. The motion passed unanimously.

[Maggiore return 10:40 am]

The vendor told Swank delivery from the manufacturer would be about four weeks. In the meanwhile, the Commission needs to box the contents of the file cabinets. Robie offered book boxes. It also needs to learn from Georgia Dougherty whether the vendor who took the Commission's safe will pick up the cabinets.

PR/Citizens Committee. Etela related the Committee's activities. Currivan volunteered to take a sign for her house at 153 Atlantic.

Action Items. None

- 5. New Business. At the next meeting the renewal or selection of members whose terms expire this year and all alternates will occur.
- 6. Next Meeting Date & Time. March 19 at 9:30.
- 7. Adjournment 10:51AM

Cynthia G. Swank Recording Secretary