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Friday, 20 Mar 2015
Heritage Commission Conference Room
237 Atlantic Avenue

Present:

Jane Currivan
Donna Etela, Chair
Jane Robie
Cynthia Swank

Alternates: Tibbie Field, Jeff Hillier, Nancy Monaghan

Absent: Carolyn Brooks, Paul Cuetara, Jim Maggiore

Also present: Vicki Jones

1. Call to Order at 9:33am. Designation of voting - Hillier for Cuetara.
2. Treasurer's Report. Heritage Fund totals \$4859.12; \$950 remains in the operating budget. Accepted as reported.
3. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of 2/19 approved as prepared.
4. Old Business

Attic Finds - Alethoscope, etc. James Weber has purchased the Alethoscope for \$500. Once the bank check arrives, Etela will have the device shipped at the buyer's expense and will make sure the Select Board follows up with earmarking the money for the preservation of historical artifacts.

Swank will revise last year's Mooseplate grant application for submission to the NH Council on the Arts. Etela asked that she contact Weber to learn if he has suggestions of vendors for the conservation of the Megaethoscope and Megaethoscope prints. Swank will contact NEDCC to make sure the treatment cost estimate has not changed.

Rails to Trails update. Hillier reported that there have been two meetings, the second not well attended. Etela stated that Cuetara or someone on the Committee must post the

meetings and that Maggiore has not attended because he was unaware of the meetings. Maggiore expects to be appointed the Select Board representative to the Committee.

Town Campus Facilities. Etela described the special Select Board meeting held yesterday whose agenda was devoted to the Library's water / roof problems and how to proceed after the town campus plan vote in learning voter sentiments. There likely will be a public meeting on "neutral ground" such as Centennial Hall or the Common to hear suggestions.

Survey Maps - next steps. Two copies of the maps will stay in the room. Members received the maps electronically as a single PDF document and they are available on OneDrive along with a document providing the color key. The key is not on the maps themselves. Swank will put the spreadsheet showing some of the fields of the Assessor's database on OneDrive. It has been previously distributed to members. It was agreed that the Planning Board should have a copy of the maps. Swank will send to Wendy Chase, the Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Etela asked members to review the tax map for the area in which they live and any others with which they are familiar and note any corrections. Someone will have to run the deeds for those properties with construction dates of 1900 to try to determine a more accurate date.

No decision was made about arranging a meeting with the Rockingham Planning Commission's GIS person. Swank noted that there is open source applications available - one from Getty called Arches and another called Viewshare -- that also might be explored in conjunction with the RPC.

[Here are links : Arches

http://www.getty.edu/conservation/our_projects/field_projects/arches/arches_city_la.html

Viewshare <http://viewshare.org/about/screencast>

Stone Building- Conference Room Files - update. Etela gave Hillier a drawing for constructing the counter. Swank will prepare a notice for next week's Friday Folder offering the two "historic" file cabinets to anyone willing to take them. Goodwill also may be an option. Etela has the name and phone number of the firm that took the Heritage Commission's old safe. All the equipment were hand-me-downs from Aquarion Water Company and are approximately fifty to sixty years old.

Action Items. None.

5. New Business.

Heritage Commission Nominations. Jane Currivan and Paul Cuetara were nominated to new three year terms as members; and Carolyn Brooks, Jeff Hillier, and Nancy Monaghan were nominated to continue as Alternates for one year terms. Monaghan represents the Planning Board. All nominations were approved.

Field had indicated to Etela that she was unable to continue to serve as an Alternate. Etela and others thanked Field for her years of participation and excellent service to the Commission.

Etela has placed a vacancy notice in this week's Friday Folder. She invited Jones to consider becoming an Alternate. Jones described her relevant experience.

DOT Communication. Etela read the communication sent to several boards in town and the Historical Society seeking information as part of its planning for the repair of the bridge at Drake's Hill. Swank described the Select Board meeting at which the DOT representatives discussed the project. Both Phil Wilson and Chris Ganotis talked about and offered suggestions about the dangerous intersections. Senator Stiles and State Representative Carol Bush also were present.

The Historical Society is trying to track down a photograph depicting the site of Rollins Furniture and it may have a photo of the burial site of Colonel Abraham Drake. Etela appointed a sub-committee of Robie and Hillier to investigate the bridge and rail bed at Drake's Hill when the weather improves, and emphasized the importance of the rails to trails committee.

Barn easements. Swank noted that the NH Preservation Alliance reminded recipients of its email communication of the April 15 deadline for new or renewal of barn easement applications. Swank will prepare a notice for next week's Friday Folder.

6. Next Meeting Date & Time. April 16 at 9:30.

7. Adjournment. 11:04am

Cynthia G. Swank
Recording Secretary