

Approved at
16 Jul 2015 meeting



Thursday, 18 Jun 2015
Heritage Commission Conference Room
237 Atlantic Avenue

Present:
Paul Cuetara
Donna Etela, Chair
Jane Robie
Cynthia Swank

Alternate: Vicki Jones, Jeff Hillier (arrived 10:28 AM)

Absent: Jane Currivan, Jim Maggiore, Carolyn Brooks, Nancy Monaghan

Also present: Larry Miller

The meeting was properly posted.

1. Call to Order at 9:01 AM. Designation of voting - Jones for Currivan
2. Treasurer's Report. Robie moved, Cuetara seconded, and report accepted as amended to include the month of May's interest of 4 cents in the Heritage Fund.
3. Approval of Minutes for May 21, 2015. Cuetara moved, Robie seconded, and minutes approved as prepared.
4. Old Business
Rails to Trails update. Cuetara noted that he and Scott Bogle of the Rockingham Planning Commission will give an oral report and presentation at the Monday, June 22 Select Board meeting. Cuetara also has asked Jan Facella to put up the maps Bogle provided on easels in Town Offices; he will ask Bogle for additional copies that can be displayed elsewhere. Members suggested that reduced size copies be made and placed in the Library and Clerk's Office for anyone to take; and that the electronic file be obtained and posted on the Town website.

Cuetara indicated that he understands existing rights of way would be turned over to the State and that there would be access to the trail at Atlantic Avenue with the potential for parking.

The Eastern Railroad Line is considered historic according to the work submitted by Lisa Mausolf for a private client to the NH Division of Historical Resources. The railroad bridges in North Hampton are not of particular significance; the only evidence of the original 1890s structure at Atlantic Avenue are the granite blocks. Etela noted that the Katy Trail in Missouri has not experienced problems where the trail crosses roads.

Town Campus Facilities. There was a discussion about the latest Municipal Facilities Committee and the Committee's charge. Etela noted that members of the committee have not yet been contacted and no meeting has occurred.

The Select Board expects the Committee to report by September 14. The Committee, once it decides what is to be done, has up to \$10,000 to spend for cost estimates. Individual Commission members noted the need to provide the total cost so that townspeople can compare the existing plan with the new proposal; the likely higher cost if the work is done piecemeal; the impact upon the two historic buildings; the weaknesses of computer-generated images versus the high cost of a physical model; and people's perception of "New England style" architecture.

[Moved up after Municipal Facilities.]

New Business.

Communication RE: 80 Lafayette Rd. A representative of the owner contacted Etela and informed her that the owner wishes to preserve the historic house. He asked whether the Heritage Commission would like to tour the house.

[Miller left at 10:01 AM.]

Old Business (resumed.)

Survey maps -next steps. Swank distributed copies of two nineteenth century maps of Kingston to show what an individual there, using Excel and Photoshop, did to make the information from the maps more accessible. She will follow up with Lorreen Keating in the hope of finding a student who might do similar work for the 1857 and 1892 North Hampton maps.

It is too soon for a response from the Community newsletter article. It has not yet been distributed widely electronically and no print copies are available at present.

[Cuetara left 10:08 AM.]

Action Items. None

5. New Business

HC files/ Hobbs research notes. Jones reported she has nearly completed the work on the files. Commission members agreed that the Helen Hobbs' research notes about the town's role in the American Revolution should be returned to the North Hampton Historical Society. Helen Hobbs donated her research materials relating to *The Way It Was*

in North Hampton to the Historical Society a number of years ago. It is assumed that Jenny Landman *nee* Holbert borrowed the ones relating to the American Revolution.

HC storage cabinet/brochures. Members agreed to do an inventory of the Heritage Commission materials that were moved to the attic prior to the renovations and determine which boxes or items should be moved downstairs. Swank will seek volunteers with a Monday afternoon, the preferred day to do the work

Additional new items.

Centennial Hall. Marcy McCann emailed Etela that she expects to have copies of the original plans of the building and the name of architect soon.

[Hillier arrived at 10:28am.]

Division of Historical Resources Grant application. The DHR is advertising a federally funded (by FEMA) initiative -- Pre-Disaster Planning. Among the eligible projects are Town wide or neighborhood inventories of historic resources. With such a grant, the Commission might hire an historic preservation professional to do an area survey of the town. The grant application is due August 10th. Jones will consider preparing the application and let Etela know by week's end.

6. Next Meeting Date & Time. Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 9:30AM

Adjourned 10:35 AM

Cynthia G. Swank
Recording Secretary