

Approved at
17 Dec 2015 meeting



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

Present:

Paul Cuetara
Donna Etela, Chair
Cynthia Swank
Jane Currivan
Jane Robie

Alternates: Carolyn Brooks, Jeff Hillier, Vicki Jones

Absent: Jim Maggiore, Nancy Monaghan

The meeting was properly posted.

1. Call to Order at 9:39 am .

2. Treasurer's Report. Money has still not been debited from this FY's operating budget which remains at \$1000. The Heritage Fund has \$4588.39, an increase of 60 cents interest. From now on, Currivan will print out one copy of the financial report and put in file cabinet. Jones will make a folder and add to the inventory.

Etela noted that the Heritage Commission budget is still appearing under Planning Board despite numerous efforts to have it separated. Treasurer will ask Finance Director to change budget line for next fiscal year. Report was approved unanimously (Cuetara moved, Robie seconded).

3. Approval of Minutes, Oct 15, 2015 minutes were approved as written. (Robie moved; Currivan seconded.)

4. Old Business

Rails to Trails update. Cuetara reported that the State and Pan Am have agreed to have a third party appraisal done. There was a walk along the trail by the regional trails group, although neither he nor Hillier had been available to attend. The group noted areas about which to alert the State when they construct the trail. He noted a booklet entitled *Trail Towns* that group members will review and use in learning from other towns with trails.

Etela brought up the question of road signs and conveyed the Town Administrator's suggestions that the Heritage Commission come up with a design for new signs and prepare a multi-year proposal for improving signage. Incorporating the town seal seems an obvious choice. Swank will contact Little Boar's Head Commission about attending a meeting.

Cuetara and Hillier indicated that the Seacoast Greenway also wishes common signage. Cuetara is to send samples of possible signs the group is considering and suggested that Jeff Latimer might come to a Heritage Commission meeting and show pictures.

Town Campus Facilities/Citizens Petition/Public Safety Design. Etela asked Cuetara to return the Town Hall restoration materials to Town Offices, whether they are copies or originals, so that they are available to Steve Bedard before he does the assessment and plan for future work. Cuetara is to give to Paul Apple on Monday, November 23.

Swank described the Capital Improvement Plan Committee's vote on the Town Facilities plan and subsequent citizens' petition and likely petition warrant article. Etela noted that January 8, 2016 is the deadline for the warrant article. At present, the architect is tweaking the public safety building design to make it resemble in size and exterior appearance the c. 1860 farmhouse that had been located on the property.

Grant Applications/Status of Implementation. Swank reported that Governor and Council have not yet signed off on the Mooseplate grant for the Megaethoscope prints. She brought up the need for funds and a qualified person to restore the Megaethoscope itself. Etela will check with an antique dealer about possible people.

Etela learned that the Town Administrator had not yet signed the historic resources survey /pre-disaster planning grant paperwork but would do so. Jones will inform Apple that Governor and Council approval for this FEMA grant is not necessary. Etela will contact consultant Lisa Mausolf about a meeting with Apple, Swank, Jones, and herself, possibly on morning of December 3, 4 or 10th, to discuss the grant requirements and oversight.

Centennial Hall. Etela reported that Mausolf is working on the National Register nomination for Centennial Hall and expects to complete it by early December in time for submission and expected approval in the new year.

275th Town Anniversary. Etela watched the Select Board meeting where Maggiore brought up the anniversary. Consensus of the board was to have a committee of volunteers and then propose a budget.

Heritage Commission members agreed that selecting a chair for the committee and letting that person develop the committee structure, similar to how the 250th anniversary committee operated, made sense. The Heritage Commission would offer a name or names for chair, and a potential list of organizations that should be approached. Heritage Commission members would participate but not take the lead. Members asked Sue

Buchanan who suggested Amy Kane. Robie will ask Rachel Robie for other possible names among a younger demographic.

[Currivan left]

Possible initiatives for the Heritage Commission for the 275th anniversary are: Megalethoscope demonstration and programming; and a book based upon the historic resources survey, possibly similar to the book Bob Hamilton mentioned at the previous meeting, *Historic Salisbury Houses*.

[Brooks left]

Action Items. None that have not already been discussed.

5. New Business

Request from Rye HC member. Etela received an email from a Rye Heritage Commission member about a construction project near the Breakfast Hill historical marker on Lafayette Road. Etela learned that there is a building permit on file. She contacted the NH Division of Historical Resources and State Department of Transportation. The State Traffic Engineer Bill Lambert will send an engineers to inspect, and noted that the owner would have to replace the sign if damaged.

Original North Hampton Library (stone) building. Etela reported that Sam Roper, the mason hired by the Town to assess and plan exterior work on the original North Hampton Library building (stone building), has recommended to the Town Administrator that a mortar analysis be done, and that she and Swank had concurred.

NH Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission. Etela had distributed via email a communication from Coastal Risks and Hazards seeking individuals to attend and provide feedback for the recommendations developed at the regional conference. Hillier indicated that he will attend the December 17 afternoon meeting.

Regional Heritage/Historic District Commission meeting. Swank will likely learn this week or next whether Kingston will host a meeting in Spring 2016. If not, sentiment was that this HC do so in September 2016. Thoughts included asking Steve Bedard to speak and Hobbs Farm or Dale Farm to be the venue.

6. Next Meeting Date & Time. Thursday, Dec 17 at 9:30am.

7. Adjournment. 11:25 am

Cynthia G. Swank
Recording Secretary