

**HERITAGE COMMISSION
TOWN OF KINGSTON, NH
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Kingston Community Library
February 22nd, 2024, 6:30pm**

Members Present:

Earnest Landry, Chairman
Robert Bean, Vice-Chairman
Glenn Coppelman, Selectman's Representative
Susan Prescott, Historic District Commission's Representative
Charlotte Boutin, Member
Eileen Clifford, Member

Members absent:

N/A

Also Present:

Sarah Bufano, Recording Secretary
Walt Roy
Gloria LeClair

Call to order: Ernie Landry called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Historic District Commission Update:

Acceptance of Minutes:

Glenn Coppelman motioned to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Susan Prescott. All in favor.

Updates: Grace Daley Barn Rehabilitation Project

Status/Action-Plan:

Status remains as of last meeting. Materials are on-site and ready for work to restart.

Updates: Plains Cemetery - Celebration and Rehabilitation Work

Status/Action-Plan:

Status remains as of last meeting. Ernie Landry will meet with the museum to discuss collecting data on the headstones.

Updates: Valley Lane Town Forest Archaeology

Status/Action-Plan:

Gloria LeClair created a detailed drawing of the foundation while she and a few others were investigating the foundation. Ernie Landry contacted the State Archaeologist's office to learn more information about mapping. Mr. and Mrs. Walt Roy have been researching more into the history of the foundation through ancestry and looking at old maps.

Updates: Documentation

Status/Action-Plan:

No new updates.

Updates: Discretionary Easements for Agricultural Structures

Status/Action-Plan:

Bob Bean and Ernie Landry are gathering all the materials/information they will need for this project. Ernie Landry is talking with other towns to learn more information about their process as input for the commission's proposal to the Selectboard.

Updates: NHDHR at March Meeting

Status/Action-Plan:

Brandee Loughlin will be in attendance at the next HC meeting for the Certified Local Government quadrennial site visit. She is the CLG coordinator at NHDHR. The HDC will also be attending this meeting. Brandee will be discussing the application process for applying for grants and such. This will allow us to know what types of projects will qualify for which grants. The State Historic Preservation Plan Coordinator, Amy Dixon, will be visiting soon as well to get input for the NH Statewide Preservation Plan.

Updates: Potential NHPA Presentation on Older Homes

Status/Action-Plan:

If historic homeowners request information as a result of our recent letters, the Commission may ask the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance (NHPA) to do a presentation. The NHPA said that they would be able to do the presentation during the summer. The commission agreed that this should be a collaborative project with the Historical Museum Committee. Ernie Landry will ask if the NHPA could provide a list of topics that the commission and/or historic homeowners could choose from for the presentation.

Public Comment:

N/A

New Business: Sandown HDC/HC Forum on March 20th - Topics?

Status/Action-Plan:

The Sandown HC/HDC has held multiple forums in the past with the historic groups from surrounding towns. They want to know what topics the commission would like to discuss at the next forum. This would allow the commission to hear other group's perspectives on a variety of topics, as well as gain new ideas and ask for advice. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20th and is open for attendance from both the Kingston HDC and HC.

Other Business:

The Preservation Alliance is having an old house and barn expo at St. Anselm's College on March 16th and 17th.

Reminder: If HC members watch a webinar, they should keep track of the hours to include in the next CLG report.

Kingston's membership in the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions needs to be renewed. Ernie Landry will be doing this on February 23rd by adding new members of the town historic groups to the email list.

The NH Historical Society has a virtual workshop on creating a history scavenger hunt on March 6th from 7-9.

BOS/Other Town Organization Updates:

Historic District Commission:

The HDC had a public hearing to change the language in their Rules and Regulations to make it easier for homeowners to navigate and find information they need. Explanation of the updates can be found in February 13th, 2024 HDC meeting minutes.

Selectboard:

Unfortunately, Kingston no longer has a local newspaper. Glenn Coppelmen presented Ernie Landry with a copy of the last edition of the Carriage Towne News for the HC archives. There will now be a section in the Sunday edition of the Eagle Tribune dedicated to Kingston, NH. New legislation has made changes for most town boards that state that they are no longer required to use a physical newspaper for town notices. The website can be a substitute, as long as updates are found on the first page of the website and are easy to find. This is where updates can currently be found. Two physical postings are still required.

Kingston has an electronic notification system. On the left side of the website, there is a link that allows people to choose which topics they would like to receive information about.

The selectboard is in the final stages of having the request for proposals approved by the DES in reference to homes affected by the PFAS contamination.

The selectboard suggested a number of articles that will be voted on March 12th.

Next Meeting: March 28th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., location to be determined.

End Meeting: Ernie Landry ended the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Minutes Recorded: by Sarah Bufano

Disclaimer: HC minutes are reviewed and approved (with or without amendments) at the next HC meeting. Any amendments may be found in the minutes of the subsequent meeting in which the amendments were made.