

KINGSTON HERITAGE COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 26, 2013
HELD AT TOWN HALL 7 PM

Debby Powers called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Members in Attendance: Debby Powers; Ernie Landry; Bob Bean; Holly Ouellette; Jane Christie; Gary Finerty, Alternate; Charlotte Boutin (HDC Representative) and George Korn (Selectmen's Representative).

Excused Members: Gail Ramsey, Absent (Jane Christie became a voting member); Ellen Faulconer, Sick.

Walter Roy and David Taylor not excused, but absent.

Guests: Jef Flanders-McDougall and Lindsey McDougall.

Meeting was posted at the Town Hall; Library and the Website.

Minutes were approved as written. Motion by Bob Bean and seconded by Ernie Landry.

Archive System: Bob Bean presented us with a lot of facts....pictures of artifacts at the Nichols Building – too large and too fat...memory going...will be unusable. Need inventory of property on paper as well as in the database. From Rye there are a lot of questions to answer on paper and it doesn't match the computer questions. You can have pictures. Not cheap is the Past Perfect Software that they saw at Rye, NH on Saturday. Not sure if it is designed for a network.

Accessible to the Public; Library; Town Hall...will it run on the internet and who has the access to it? Maybe able to use a back door and run from another site. Might make a read only share file with parts of our information. Past Perfect has 100 fields for museums and we only need about 7 to 10 fields. Ie: artifacts; sites and localities.

Ernie and Jane also went to Rye. Ernie said that we can manipulate some of the fields to our needs. Jane suggested to start with a few properties not go overboard in the beginning. George asked what tools allow you export the data in the past perfect and can the museum work be transferred into the new

computer without data entering again. They think it can be transferred over and think it can be used with ascii.

Cost is around \$2700.00 with \$440.00 for support. We will need training on how to use the program. It can be hooked to our website at no cost. Jef said that the six books on the old history of houses in town are not up to date as those were done in 1983 by the Rockingham Planning Commission – Lynn Munroe. Jane said that we need volunteers that are very sincere to the data entry so it doesn't need to be corrected. Sometimes the person can do an internship and get credit from UNH.

Museum; Library; Heritage Commission; Conservation Commission; Historic District Commission and Town Hall all could use the information.

What is the next step? Deb asked. George asked that we need to be together not separate as the departments had been. School takes care of the Town Hall computers; Police Dept has another IT person; Fire Dept has another IT...all different is very costly.

Budget Committee has no town wide net work as of yet.

Bob said it is not a relations database and it doesn't link to each other – ie history cards in the Selectmen's Office. Ernie asked are we a certified Local Government? Not yet but maybe soon. Deb asked if we spend \$2700. + \$440 do we need a warrant? George said no not to his knowledge but we should run it though the budget committee to look at per the Department of Revenue.

Rand Hall has done a lot of work – entering historical artifacts – paper material on Sundays. He has done a great job, but we are losing him to the Haverhill Public Library. Another lady from Fremont that helped Rand is moving to Wisconsin in October, she was a great help.

LCHIP Grant Application: Deb said that the paperwork went to State Registry on time and it had some excellent pictures taken by Walt Roy and Ernie Landry. National Registry has some of our items on file and the State Registry has nothing. Deb is working on the instructions on how to do it. Deb need LOTS of help from all of us, please step forward and help she is very busy doing all the work necessary.

NEWSPAPERS: Maybe someone of us or two people could write something up and run it by Deb first then submit it to the local papers. This will get our name out and help us.

FUND RAISING IDEAS: Deb said that we need to really work on fund raising as we got \$59.00 at Kingston Days. We need more money to be able to do things that would be an asset to our committee. Several ideas have come in and Bob suggested a Calendar to sell or a book.

GRACE DALEY HOUSE: Selectmen's meeting had a lot of people present and we still need to voice our opinion on why we think that we need to save the house. Going to meet with the Selectmen again next Monday night and please try to go and get your friends out too. If we save the Grace Daley House we are not to use any of the Town's money. If the house is demolished Bob Pothier is one that would be doing the work.

WARRANT ARTICLES: They are due by the beginning of January around the 20th, 2014. If we need an article we need to have it ready in December, first week or so.

How would we fund if no matching grant is allowed? What would the purpose be for the Grace Daley house? We need to keep it for the Historical aspect of the Town. George said remember that the Towns people have already voted not to spend any money. Jef thought that the voters were not told all of the facts – incomplete at the Deliberative Session. Bob said if we try and it still gets demolished at least we tried and got more points out. Gary said it needs to be re-evaluated before something is done to it. Nobody keeps up with the Town Buildings for maintenance every year. Deb said we better have good facts and concrete info of what we are planning to do. Ernie said maybe we need pledges from companies or individuals to help us out. Virginia Morse (Historic District Commission) and Ruth Albert (Museum Committee) are finding more info about the Grace Daley House and want it keep it by all means. Maybe it could be used for offices – like an Attorney or accounting firm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:53 PM Motion by Bob Bean and seconded by Ernie Landry.

After the meeting Bob Bean had his computer on and showed several members and Lindsey, our guest, slides on his house – chimney repair and a sample of a house....Evelyn Nathan's on 24 Scotland Rd.

Holly locked up and set the alarm at the Town Hall when all had left.

Minutes were taken by Holly Ouellette