

Kingston Heritage Commission

Meeting Notes from the meeting held:
July 27, 2017

At the Morse room in the
Kingston Community Library

Meeting announcement was posted: at the Town Hall and the Website

Deb Powers called the meeting to order at 7:04

Members in Attendance- Debbie Powers, Ernie Landry, Bob Bean, Gail Ramsey, Walt Roy. Jane Christie, Jennifer Ramsey-Feoli, Charlotte Boutin, George Korn.

Previous Minutes- motion made by Holly and seconded by Bob was voted unanimously to accept the minutes as written.

Envision Kingston II – Confusion still exists about the names and functions of groups and buildings in Kingston. For example, why do we have two Libraries, and two firehouses? We will be writing and publishing a series of articles to explain to the town people all the functions and names of the various groups and buildings in town. Discussion ensued about newspapers, versus social media like facebook. It was agreed we need to use both media to reach people of all generations. The first article will be about the Heritage Commission. Subsequent articles should be written by the other groups in town.

Signs – The group has developed a slogan, “Tradition of Opportunity”, and suggested a new logotype based on the Carriage Town weathervane.

Master Plan Chapter - There will be a public meeting on September 21st at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall, to discuss the Historical Chapter of the Master Plan. We should review all the docs presented, and log our time spent to help with the matching grant hours. We will be doing a group effort with the Conservation commission to bring in a State sponsored archeologist to help us learn how to document things in our environment.

Envision Kingston II (Continued)

Sanborn Seminary Negotiations – They are still ongoing with meetings, appraisals, and discussions. There are many issues being considered. There have been no further updates.

Brochure – Layout has been picked, content is defined, but further meeting will be required. Still looking for pictures. Draft needs to be reviewed by other groups (Museum, HDC, etc.) in town before it can be printed.

Kingston Days – we will be having a display either in a large tent or in a small tent. Ernie is pulling it together, and needs help tending the tent. Another discussion occurred about the Civil War Talk, scheduled for Saturday of Kingston days, being cancelled due to family issues for the presenter. It will be replaced by, “New Hampshire in WWII”, a movie and talk.

325th Celebration – There will be a meeting of this group to discuss the Heritage Commission role. It will be to create a tour perhaps using students as guides.

Nichols Building Update – Work on the roof has been delayed due to rain, but should occur soon. Jane and Ernie will review the Grant deadlines.

Bandstand Update – Final inspection by the state has been done. The final documentation still needs to be done. In addition, the town needs a 5 year Stewardship agreement. A discussion ensued about allowing people access to the Bandstand during Kingston days. It was mentioned that the Bandstand will be surrounded by the Carnival rides.

A vote was taken as to whether we should leave out the stairs, and allow people to see the improvements. Ernie shared a picture of the stairs built for the Bandstand. After discussion, it was agreed that we should leave the stairs out during the daylight hours, and take them in at night. By a vote, results were 8 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstention.

A further discussion ensued to select a light fixture for the Bandstand. It was also agreed that the light should be left on at night as a vandalism deterrent.

We also discussed when to have the Opening ceremony. It was agreed that we need time to plan, and next spring would be easier to manage. April 14th was discussed as a tentative date.

Documentation – The Grace Daley house report is being printed, and a copy should be available for our booth at Kingston Days. Next on our schedule is the video tour of town, followed by the Sanborn Seminary building.

Ernie showed a book of the 2003 survey. It is over 500 pages long. We will be creating disks of the various surveys, to be left at the Library and Museum. It was discussed that we have a file drawer in the Town Hall, and these reports should perhaps be put in that cabinet, as well as posted on any website.

Other – The 5 year CIP plan is coming due soon. We need to work on that in the next month or so.

Bartlett House – passing papers on August 4th. Family seems preservation inclined. Want to invite them to HDC or HC meeting in the future.

BOS – George told us that Kingston may be getting a State \$140 thousand block grant due to SB 38, for infrastructure improvements.

HDC – Charlotte told us there is a house with a Cease and Desist order in HD#1, and there is efforts ongoing to renovate the house next to Bakie School. Church on the Plains is sanding the building, and should be done by Kingston Days.

Bob discussed his meeting with the Library Director of the New Hampshire Historical Society, regarding sharing some of our Museum Past Perfect records. In addition, the Fire Department has started a restoration project on the old town hand pump. Due to the nature of the repairs, it will not be done for Kingston Days.

Next meeting will be on August 24th at 7:00 PM at the Kingston Community Library.

Meeting was adjourned by a motion by Ernie, seconded by Holly and unanimously approved.