

Town of Kingston, NH Heritage Commission
Public Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2021

Call to Order: Chairman Ernie Landry called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Identification of members present was made through roll call as were all the votes on motions.

Members present:

Bob Bean	Debra Powers	Richard Wilson (BOS Ex Officio)
Ernie Landry	Holly Ouellette	Eileen Clifford

Members absent: Virginia Morse (HDC Ex Officio), Adam Faulconer (Alternate), Charlotte Boutin (Alternate), Jane Christie (Alternate)

Others present: Walter Roy

December 10th meeting minutes: Motion to accept made by Ms. Powers and seconded by Ms. Ouellette. Roll call vote to accept minutes as submitted:

Mr. Bean - Yes	Ms. Powers - Yes	Ms. Clifford - Yes
Mr. Landry - Yes	Ms. Ouellette - Yes	Mr. Wilson - Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

January 12th HDC/HC Joint meeting Minutes: Motion to accept made by Ms. Powers and seconded by Ms. Ouellette. Roll call vote to accept minutes as submitted:

Mr. Bean - Yes	Ms. Powers - Yes	Ms. Clifford - Yes
Mr. Landry - Yes	Ms. Ouellette - Yes	Mr. Wilson - Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Updates:

Plains Cemetery National Register Application Status: Ms. Powers indicated that the project is progressing as scheduled and we expect it to be completed on time. We will be submitting a status report to NHDHR by Jan.31st

Grace Daley Barn Assessment Grant Application Status: Mr. Landry indicated that Mr. Bill Coleman, barn analyst, has been here several times to inspect the building, most recently on Jan. 27th. In answer to a question from Mr. Bean, Mr. Landry indicated that the barn assessment will result in a report outlining the actions necessary to repair/rehabilitate the barn, identify immediate stabilization issues and identify estimates of budgetary requirements.

Facebook: Mr. Landry indicated that this is still a work in progress. He hasn't been able to schedule a meeting yet between himself, Mr. Bean and Mr. Faulconer.

Archaeology: Mr. Landry indicated that, with all the projects on-going and planned and with the current Covid limitations it might be best to delay work on archaeology until sometime in the spring.

Documentation: Mr. Bean provided an update on the Kingston History Book. All the chapters are written and through design and are in the final stages of editing. As of this time, funding has included approximately \$11,000 in sponsorships and \$5000 in book sales. There have been 112 books presold. The History Book Committee expects the books to be available for shipment in April or May.

Fundraising: The group again discussed the stained glass window project. This will likely begin sometime in February. Current members of the subcommittee are Ms. Powers, Mr. Bean, Mr. Landry and Mr. Ralph Murphy of the Historic District Commission. Mr. Landry will contact the Chairman of the Historic Museum Committee to provide an opportunity for her to designate someone from that committee to be a member. Mr. Landry will send out the information he has on the previous estimates as well as an email asking for members availability for a first meeting. The group briefly discussed the types of issues that will need to be addressed.

There was limited discussion of other types of fundraising with no specific plan developed.

Outreach/Publicity: Mr. Landry mentioned that an article was put in Carriage Towne News (CTN) re: the Nichols Building rehabilitation several weeks ago. There was a picture in the paper this week. He has an article drafted regarding the Barn Easement Program under RSA 79D and he will send to (CTN) next week for publication. Mr. Landry will be drafting an article about the Grace Daley Barn Assessment to send to (CTN) in the next couple of weeks.

Ms. Powers will prepare an article on the Plains Cemetery Grant after that.

New Business:

Training/Webinars – Mr. Landry mentioned that New Hampshire Preservation Alliance continues to hold interesting webinars. This is a great opportunity to develop our skills around historic preservation. If you can't attend one in real time, they are generally recorded and available on the NHPA web site under "Resources", "Webinars". Ms. Powers also indicated that the webinars are a good way to improve our skills and suggested attendees let Mr. Landry know when they attend a session so he will have the information to report Commission member's personal development on the annual Certified Local Government report. Mr. Roy indicated that he has attended several of the webinars and finds them interesting and very informative.

Mr. Landry identified two upcoming webinars that are appropriate for the Commission members. They are:

-NHDHR Virtual Office Hours – Learn about the Moose Plate Grant Program, Feb. 5, 12:00 PM. Grant round dates haven't been announced. Wondering if they'll be announced at this webinar.

-Getting to Yes, Proven Strategies for Community Action, Feb. 11th, 12:00 (Communication strategies and best practices around advocacy)

Historic Preservation Resources: Mr. Landry indicated that he would like to spend a small amount of budget money (\$150 +/- have \$315 budgeted for publications) on historic preservation books, like books on barn preservation, to be put at the Library, for Commission members and residents to do research about their old barns. There are a couple of books there now, but the barn book is 20 years old and was updated in 2019. This ties in to publicity on barn easements which will be the subject of an article sent to CTN in the near future.

Mr. Wilson suggested calling the Library for guidance on how they handle donations. Mr. Bean suggested that we include other sorts of references including old houses and other buildings. Ms. Powers suggested that we ask to have the books placed in the "Town Section" of the Library with an indication that they were donated by the Heritage Commission.

A motion was made by Ms. Clifford to allow Mr. Landry to spend up to \$120 for historic preservation publications that may be donated to the Library for use of Commission members and the general public. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ouellette. Roll call vote:

Mr. Bean - Yes

Ms. Powers - Yes

Ms. Clifford - Yes

Mr. Landry - Yes

Ms. Ouellette - Yes

Mr. Wilson – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

National Historic Register Plaques – Mr. Landry indicated that it might be nice to have National Historic Register plaques at Nichols Building and Plains Cemetery (once it is listed) and suggested we coordinate with HDC, Museum and the Trustees of Trust Funds (all stakeholders). Mr. Bean suggested that we also coordinate with owners of other properties on the National Register once we've determine what type of plaque we want to see if they are interested in purchasing plaques for their properties. He suggested we might be able to get a deal for multiple units.

Mr. Landry indicated that costs vary from just over \$100 to \$400 depending on lettering, etc. He indicated that we have \$1000 budgeted for supplies for historic documentation, at risk property books, etc.

Volunteers for the project include Mr. Bean (lead), Ms. Ouellette, and Ms. Clifford.

Other Business – None

BOS/Other town organization updates? – none

Next Meeting – February 25th, 7:00 PM on Zoom.

Adjournment – Mr. Landry adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM

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