

Town of Kingston, NH Heritage Commission
Public Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2021

Call to Order: Chairman Ernie Landry called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. The meeting was held in person at the Kingston Community Library.

Members present:

Bob Bean	Debra Powers	Virginia Morse (HDC – Ex Officio)
Ernie Landry	Eileen Clifford (Arrived late)	
Charlotte Boutin (Alternate)		

Members absent: Richard Wilson (BOS – Ex Officio), Ms. Ouellette

Others present: Walter Roy, Gloria LeClair

June 24, 2021 meeting minutes: Motion to accept minutes made by Mr. Bean and seconded by Ms. Powers. Motion passed unanimously. Prior to adjournment, Ms. Clifford asked to reopen the discussion of the minutes to consider addition of a statement that Mr. Landry provided a video presentation of documentation (Town-Wide Area Form, National Register nominations) that he hopes to have loaded to the Heritage Commission web site. Motion to approve the change made by Ms. Powers and seconded by Ms. Clifford. Motion passed unanimously.

Updates:

Plains Cemetery National Register Application Status: Ms. Powers indicated that the NH Division of Historical Resources (NHDHR) had requested an extension on the project completion date from the National Park Service. The initial completion date of September 30, 2021 has been extended to September 20, 2022. The NHDHR is completing their review of the final draft and will be returning it to the Preservation Company for final changes and return to DHR for review by the State Historical Resources Council.

Grace Daley Barn Assessment Grant Application Status: Mr. Landry indicated that a variety of approaches to repair are being considered. These include:

- whether to have different contractors for the roof and sill repairs in that each involves a different focus
- whether to do the roof or sills first depending on need and what is best practice
- type of roof
- type of footing for the sills

Mr. Landry spoke with Bill Campbell who conducted the barn assessment about having a meeting sometime in the next few weeks to try to resolve the above issues.

Stained Glass Window Project: Mr. Landry and Mr. Bean spoke with Tom Driscoll from Sash and Solder Window Restoration to discuss general issues to consider in this type of project. They discussed factors to consider in determining whether to restore or repair the windows, issues around timing of the project, degree of specificity for RFP, etc. Regarding fundraising, Mr. Driscoll indicated he is willing to provide a projected high and low range of cost for use in establishing a fundraising goal but not as any form of a proposal.

Mr. Landry indicated that he spoke with the Stained-Glass Association of America (SGAA) and that they are willing to discuss the project as we progress, review a project plan or RFP, etc. Mr. Landry ordered copies of the SGAA pamphlet on restoration of stained glass for the work group.

The stained-glass work group will meet at the Kingston Community Library on July 27th at 6:30.

Historic Agricultural Structures Easement Program: Mr. Landry and Mr. Bean met with Susan Ayer and have developed an outline/flow chart of the RSA – 79D process. Mr. Landry is developing a draft sample application for review by Mr. Bean and Ms. Ayer. The next step is to start looking at draft criteria to be used by the entities who will review future applications.

Documentation:

History Book – Mr. Bean indicated that the Kingston History Book is out and has been selling well. The group congratulated him and the entire history book team on an outstanding job.

Lost History - Mr. Bean indicated that has almost completed the Hazel Hanson house documentation. He also mentioned that he and Mr. Roy have been given permission to photograph the historic Tristram Sanborn House at 23 Exeter Rd. as part of documentation of that building. The building was originally a garrison house built in the 1700s.

Web page update – Mr. Landry is working with Susan Ayer to update the web page and add some of the documents he presented at the June meeting. At this point some of the large documents can't be loaded because of storage limitations. Mr. Landry is working with Ms. Ayer to find a solution.

Outreach/Publicity: Mr. Landry is working on the display for Kingston Days with help from Mr. Bean and Mr. Roy. It needs to be substantially redone. He showed the group potential handouts for the booth and it was agreed that they should be distributed.

Mr. Landry asked for approval to spend up to \$100 on materials for the booth and handouts. Motion was made by Ms. Powers and seconded by Ms. Morse. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Clifford indicated that she is revising the recruitment poster that we have used at various events in the past and that this will be available for Kingston Days.

New Business: No new business.

Other Business: No other business.

BOS/Other Town Organization Updates: Ms. Morse indicated that the Historic District Commission (HDC) is working on several initiatives that stem from a concern about appearances in HD-1 and HD-2. They are specifically working on updating the sign guidelines and looking at how to manage issues of the appearance of individual homes in the district. They are working primarily on updating guidelines rather than regulations or ordinances.

Next Meeting – August 26th at 6:30 PM at the Kingston Community Library.

Adjournment – Mr. Landry adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM

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