Kingston Heritage Commission Public Meeting February 22, 2018 Draft Minutes

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were no challenges to the legality of the meeting.

Members in Attendance:

Debra Powers (remotely by telephone) Eileen Clifford, Alternate Ernest Landry Jane Christie, Alternate

Holly Ouellette Gail Ramsey

Robert Bean

A quorum of the members were present.

Members absent: George Korn, Selectmen's representative, Charlotte Boutin, Historic District Commission Representative.

Also in Attendance: Elaine VanDyke, member of the Public

Ms. Powers, who had the flu, participated by telephone since it was not practical for her to be present. All parties were able to hear from and speak to all in attendance. There was no other party in the room with Ms. Powers.

Ms. Powers explained the requirements of the Right-to-Know law when any person is participating in the meeting from a remote location.

Verbal roll call was conducted to identify those present at the meeting.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Bob Bean and seconded by Ernie Landry. Discussion ensued that the minutes should be amended to change the reference to "masonry and stairs" to "stonework" in the section discussing masonry repairs to the Nichols building. Bob and Ernie agreed to a friendly amendment to the motion to add the change. Vote was by roll call and the vote was unanimous.

Master Plan Update - Ernie gave an update on the Historic Resources Master Plan Chapter Project. The commission needs to set a date for a public meeting to review the next draft of the Chapter. The dates of March 22nd (the normal heritage commission meeting date), or March

29th were proposed. The group agreed that the Heritage Commission would meet at 6:00 PM that night and the Master Plan Chapter meeting would begin at 7:00 PM. The meetings will be held the Town Hall if available.

Envision Kingston Subcommittee – Ernie indicated that the Envision Kingston Sub-committee met on February 15, 2018. No official business was transacted since there was not a quorum.

2018 Warrant Articles – Ms. Powers update members on the status of the petitioned warrant article asking the town to appropriate \$10,000 to the Heritage Fund. Mr. Landry indicated that a donor has purchased lawn signs that can be placed in support of the article. He also indicated that individuals interested in holding a sign at the polls should let him know their availability.

Bandstand Celebration – Ms. Powers updated the group about the Bandstand dedication scheduled for May 19, 2018. The chorus from Sanborn High School has volunteered to sing at the celebration. Museums will be open that afternoon. Celebration will likely be from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. We will have refreshments (including a couple of big themed cakes, water, etc.). Plan to have the Lions Club participate and also be recognized for their donation of the benches surrounding the bandstand.

Nichols building – Mr. Landry indicated that the two projects for this year are the masonry repairs and applying for a grant for a building preservation assessment through the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance (NHPA). Mr. Landry will contact the NHPA for guidance.

Documentation – Mr. Bean indicated that he is continuing to obtain material to complete the book on the Grace Daley house.

Brochure/Logo T-shirts – This discussion was postponed to the next meeting and until after Ms. Powers speaks with the individuals who have volunteered to provide some assistance to the Commission regarding advertising/branding.

325th **Celebration** – Ms. Powers and Ms. Ramsey have been talking with Carol Meisenheimer regarding having the students perform a presentation on Josiah Bartlett during the main celebration.

Next meeting – will be on March 22nd at 6:00 PM at a location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM