

Kingston Heritage Commission Minutes

July 28, 2016

Posting of the meeting was at the Kingston Town Hall and the town website.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Members Attending: Debby Powers, Ernie Landry, Ellen Faulconer, Bob Bean, Holly Ouellette, Jennifer Ramsey-Feoli, Charlotte Boutin and Gail Ramsey.

Members Absent: George Korn and Jane Christie – No excused absences.

June 23rd meeting minutes accepted.

Kingston Days Notes: An interesting find in the minutes from the Kingston Days Commission meeting; there will be no Taste of Rockingham this year. Quick discussion as to who was going to volunteer to man the Heritage Commission booth, Bob, Ernie and Jen volunteered, Holly is too busy. It was suggested to have the Envision Kingston stuff there if available.

Bartlett House Notes: Got the package together to send out so we can start looking for donations. We have come up with a few ideas and will send the package to Senator Ayotte, Martin Sheen (played him in West Wing) or Aaron Sorkin (wrote West Wing). Everyone agreed that is a great idea. When the package goes out we must mention the price of the house and the commitment to take care of it. Also considered sending a package to the National Dowment of Arts We will send the packets out and see what happens.

Brochure Notes: Jen informed us of a meeting that is being held at the Library in the small conference room on August 3, 2016 with the print company that won the bid.

Grace Daly House Notes: There may be no support from the town... Why, because nothing is in writing. We need to reach out to all town groups / organizations; we are having trouble raising funds! Tom Winternitz (spelling) from the Masonic Temple may be able to help but we have to reach out to him. Holly is going to send Deb Tom's number. We should get in touch with Envision Kingston to see if they have any ideas as to who we could ask for donations from.

Bandstand Notes: The bandstand is still being worked on and will be done before the 6 month extension expires in December. A mention was made that people should stop talking to the person restoring the bandstand... On a side note we got the okay to cut down the ash tree, yay!

Demolition Warrant Notes: CLG was here earlier today, we need to update certificates and unofficial notification 3 days before. This is not the year to put out a warrant for it... Will wait until the new board settles in. The Historic District Commission is going to hold another meeting to discuss permits, etc. We

should be more worried about deterioration rather than demolition – 15 Farm Rd is officially condemned! Getting a 2nd refusal for restoration condition is bad.

Nichols Building Notes: The judge approved the town owning the building so it is ours now. Rich is going to be getting an RFP done. We should think about applying for a Moose Plate Grant (for Arts) money, over and above the LCHIP Grant as it's easier to get. We should get the LCHIP Grant for the engineering portion. There is a lot of work to do and should focus on getting small grants for small things. CIP for Library – Recommendations from a couple of groups?

Should come up with a plan and prioritize, develop a sub-committee to make those decisions. It is going to take a lot of money to get going.

CIP Notes: We need a 5 year plan, starting with year one. We need a capital improvement plan and get a clear amount of money coming from the town. No more extensions! We should try the Historic Resources Chapter.

Ellen Faulconer resigned as of 7/28/2016 and gave us the sad news that she can no longer be a member of our group due to planning board and land board issues, also someone calling her out on being a town employee and on different boards, etc. We were all not very happy that this came about. We did come up with an idea that Ellen could volunteer her valuable time and not be a member.

We need to develop a sub-committee for CIP and prioritize what needs to be done, we should have a binder for each project that we have going. We should try to find volunteers for grants, etc. There is a master plan that reflects what needs to be done. Maybe form a master plan committee. CIP is due at the end of August.

The new Bartlett House books may be ready for Kingston Days and in our booth. A copy will be available at the library and the museum. We need to focus on Kingston's disappearing history. We will send out the letters with the DVD to??

Envision Kingston Notes: One suggestion from the group is to make the downtown / plains area a one way. Have bike/walk paths and bathrooms installed on the plains.

The 325th anniversary is coming up the 1st meeting is 8/18/16, we need to start planning celebrations – Jane, Charlotte & Holly from the Heritage Commission will also be serving on the 325th commission as well.

Next meeting is planned for 8/25/2016

