

Town of Kingston Heritage Commission
Public Meeting
January 24, 2019 Minutes

1. **Call to order:** Chairwoman Debra Powers called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Morse Room of the Kingston Community Library

Attendance (quorum satisfied)

Members: Debra Powers, Chair - present
Ernie Landry, Vice-Chair – present
Robert Bean – present
Charlotte Boutin, Alternate – present (to vote for Holly until Holly arrived)
Jane Christie, Alternate - present
Eileen Clifford, Alternate - present
George Korn, Representative from BOS - present
Holly Ouellette – present
Susan Prescott, Representative from HDC - present
Gail Ramsey - present
Jennifer Ramsey-Feoli, Alternate - present
Elaine VanDyke, Alternate – excused

Guests: Walt Roy

Minutes Prepared by: Eileen Clifford

2. **Minutes from Previous Meetings:** Draft minutes from the December 13, 2018 meeting were accepted as amended. Motion made by Ernie and seconded by Holly. Amendments were: for Attendance, add that Jane Christie was excused and that Susan Prescott was absent; and, for New Business, add that the Town Hall stage will also be available during the “325th Anniversary Celebration Dates”
3. **Discuss Calendar for Heritage Commission:** Ernie passed out an updated version of the calendar with a variety of “new” dates (for example: when to start working on an activity, when reports are due, etc). We decided when to hold the HC November/December meeting (Thursday, December 12), so we can now fill in that date on the calendar. The “325th Anniversary Celebration Dates” will be added to the calendar

Ernie will create a subset of the revised calendar to be submitted to the Town so that HC meetings, etc can be posted upfront

4. **Update on HC Petition Articles:**

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- **Warrant Article 20 - Appropriation of \$10K to Heritage Fund:** we obtained 41 signatures; after the joint meeting of Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee on January 10, the “initial” official recommendations were: BOS *in favor* 4 to zero; and Budget Committee *not in favor* 6-5-1. Debby will speak on the Article at the February 2 Deliberative Session with the aim of increasing support
- **Warrant Article 26 – Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive:** We obtained 55 signatures. The intent of this article is for the town to adopt NH RSA 79-E. At the joint meeting of Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee on January 10, the “initial” official recommendations were: BOS *not in favor* 4 to zero; and Budget Committee *not in favor* 8-2-1.

We discussion tactics on how to present at Deliberative Session with the aim of increasing understanding and support

As this Article does not involve the expenditures of monies, we voted on asking about the appropriateness of the Budget Committee’s recommendation being on the Warrant Document going forward to Town Official Ballot Voting

5. **Fund Raiser (Lucky 100):** Debby checked with NH Gaming Commission and no problems there and we have already received the “ok” from Board of Selectmen. Monies collected / awarded will be deposited / withdrawn from the Heritage Fund and will, therefore, go through the Town Finance Officer

Eileen agreed to help Debby with set up

6. **Brand / Slogan / Brochure:** we scheduled a meeting of the brochure team for 6:30 P.M. Wednesday, January 30 at the home of Jennifer Ramsey-Feoli. Gail invited Eileen to join the group

Suggestions included a word exercise mentioned at a talk by Natalie Eve Marquis at the Kingston Community Library as an initial step in putting together a written logo and getting professional help with the project

7. **Documentation:**

- **Video tour of the Town of Kingston:** is about 60% done. The plan is to resume videoing in the spring when the Town is apt to be more photogenic than it may be in winter

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- **Updating Town History book:** Bob continues to make progress and is currently working with many people including Matt Thomas, Fremont Town historian, for content in the history book and Robin Wrighton, a graphic book designer, who did the Brentwood history book

Bob is looking for volunteers to help with editing, etc. and needs write ups on/from HC and several other organizations

Susan Prescott offered to write a section on the Little River Grist Mill, which is on her property

8.A Updates from Other Town Organizations:

- **Historic District Commission:** is gathering pictures of types of signs that are suitable for use in the Town Historic Districts

A discussion on signs ensued: it was suggested that one of the retired “Welcome to Kingston” signs (i.e. the signs that HC used as the guideline for the signs we had made in 2018) be donated to the Kingston Historical Museum; we talked about if the sign(s) for the Museum Complex (which may be our next sign project) should be reflective or not

Even though Town Buildings within the Historic Districts do not need to follow Historic District “rules” Walt, who is talking with the Historical Museum Committee about their vision for new signs for the Museum Complex, will connect with Susan re: the sample of signs the HDC is gathering

8.B Envision Kingston II Sign Project: see above discussion under Historic District Commission Update

9. Next Meeting:

- we reviewed our new Calendar
- Next Meeting: Thursday, February 28th; Gail volunteered to take minutes

10: Adjournment: at 8:57 P.M.; motion made by Susan and seconded simultaneously by Gail and Bob