

**KINGSTON HERITAGE COMMISSION**  
**JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

**HELD AT THE LIBRARY**

Ernie Landry, Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

**Members in Attendance:** Ernie Landry; Bob Bean; Gail Ramsey; Holly Ouellette; Gary Finerty, Alternate and Charlotte Boutin (HDC Representative).

**Excused Absence:** Deb Powers and Jane Christie, Alternate.

Meeting was posted at the Town Hall; Library; Post Office and the Website.

**Minutes** for June 26<sup>th</sup> were approved as written. Motion made by Bob and seconded by Gail. Holly abstained as she was at the Kingston Days meeting last month.

**Bandstand:** Gary Finerty; Ernie Landry; Bob Pothier and Rich StHilaire met and the work should be done by October 2015 for the LChip Grant. They will try to have it done for Kingston Days in August 2015.

Donald Briggs, Police Chief and Richard St.Hilaire, Road Agent are trying to come up with regulations for restricting the use of the Bandstand. Dollars for applications – stairs for the weddings – lights on it or in it. Charlotte said that nobody messes with the Plaistow Bandstand. Holly suggested that later on maybe we could have a new Bandstand down on the Plains by the 1686 House. Bob Bean suggested that the present Bandstand have the kids that are on it help paint it and maybe they would respect it more. We could put an article in the newspaper to let parents know about keeping children off or respecting it more. It could also have a curfew from dusk to dawn – closed – off limits.

**Recreation Center:** Ernie said that when you want to use the Rec. Center you must fill out an application. You must have insurance if you are from out of Town.

**Grace Daley House:** Charlotte said that she met with Rich St.Hilaire and he said that either 1) Move it to a new location; 2) Raze it or 3)Buy it (separate it). It was noted that all the bushes are gone around the Daley House as of July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Inventory:** Bob Bean said that he could make 10 – 15 copies of the disk and sell them for a donation to the Heritage Commission.

**Kingston Days:** Ernie said that he will try to have a lap top with the index disk and a second lap top of the HDC, Saturday from 6:30 AM – 3 PM.

**New Business:** The Josiah Bartlett Homestead is on the market for sale. Ruth and Dale Albert are the present owners. Donna Carter is the realtor that is selling the property. Ruth Albert possibly will keep a piece on land in the back for a small house to come back to from Florida. It is in the Historic District 1 – Jennifer Goodwin is a preservationist. Easement on the house for \$40,000 and Ruth Albert wants a covernance on the property so that it would not be changed into multiple uses. LChip has a \$20,000 Grant and Virginia Morse will match the \$20,000 with her own money. Endowment fund monitors easements over the next years – not simple to do but possible. Holly suggested that the Town purchase it and both Bob Bean and Gary thought it would end up being another Daley House. There are a lot of antique items in the house with some in sets. Ruth Albert is not happy with the easements from state \$800,000 and 1 million to endowment. Gail asked about developing into house lots. Possibly 3 or 4 houses could be on that piece as it is in the aquafir protection zone and Ruth wants a 3 acre piece saved for her new small house.

Heritage Commission could put in a warrant article for the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 election.

**Lost History:** Bob Bean said that we have lost history in Town, such as the Hazel Hanson house at 53 Marshall Rd. Hazel died in an auto accident in 1975 and the house has been in an estate ever since. The roof is falling apart and if we want to get pictures taken on it before it is too late and ruined completely. The old Charlie Phillips house on 15 Farm Rd now owned by Craig and Sandra Fox is a perfect example of big House/Little House. Cheney Mill on Cheney Rd – this is the old Cheney Lumber yard. The mill was run by water. Carolyn Harlow house on 196 Main St is very old and has history in it. Elaine Cheney house on 79 Danville Rd and many more

properties that we should be documenting and picture taking for posterity before it is too late. Charlotte says that could camera works well in the dark and takes great pictures. Bob Bean will put it together and Walter Roy likes to take pictures also. He is very good at picture taking.

**Big House/Little House:** It was held on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and they had a good turn out of 58 people – Bob Bean and Gail Ramsey attended. There was a great display on the side for the Heritage Committee. They sold books and told about the economics caused the big house/little house in 1850-1900. Refreshments were served after the presentation and everyone enjoyed them.

Ernie asked if we want a plan that they get in the Planning Board office? No, only if it is in the 1983 History Book – then Ellen Faulconer would send it out. Ernie is on the Planning Board so he could return the information about the property if need be.

Ernie said that the French Mill by Bob Bean's house and the Spofford Mill in Danville....2003 flood – bridge by French Mill. You can go to department of Historic Resources – find the Mill Sites. Pictures and artifacts paid by part of a grant. Measured by GPS pack and drawn to scale.

Meeting adjourned 8:37 PM

Minutes for July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were taken by Holly Ouellette

Next meeting will be on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Library, Gail will take minutes.