

KINGSTON HERITAGE COMMISSION

Meeting Notes from the meeting held:

September 25, 2014

at the Library

Meeting announcement was posted: at the Town Hall; Library; and the Website.

Debra Powers called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

Members in Attendance: Debra Powers; Ernie Landry; Bob Bean; Gail Ramsey; Holly Ouellette.

Alternates: Gary Finerty, Charlotte Boutin (HDC Representative).

Excused: Jane Christie

Previous Minutes: from the meeting held 8/28/2014 were approved as amended by Bob Bean, et al. to correct meeting attendees at Bandstand Meeting. Motion made by Ernie and seconded by Bob. It was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Old Business:

Grace Daley House: Need subcommittee meeting. Charlotte and Deb will set it up. Deb will ask to speak to Board of Selectmen regarding the fund set up by Lindsey MacDougal.

Deb has spoken to Stanley Shallett. He is interested in Grace Daley House with some reservations. He is considering moving it to another property. He has been asked to attend a Heritage meeting in future.

Bartlett House: No change in status. Deb will ask Ruth Albert if she would set up a house tour for HC and HDC. At that time we could have a discussion about how we might help.

Bandstand: There was a meeting on Election Day with Bob Pothier, Rich St Hilaire, Ernie Landry, and George Korn. A spreadsheet was created with plans for the Bandstand project. It is currently planned to move the Bandstand off its foundation, repair the foundation, and replace the bandstand this fall. The work to repair will then continue next year, with a completion date planned for August 2015. There are concerns about the lighting. It was designed to flood the Bandstand with lights from posts. That may not meet our outdoor lighting rules. The Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing Monday the 29th of September to discuss this issue, and the rules and regulations on the use of the

Bandstand. Ernie discussed details about the choices of wood and lighting proposed for the bandstand. George and Ernie discussed how the ladder might be built. Deb asked if we would all agree to ask NH Chronicle to film a possible Bandstand Dedication next year.

Belmont Bandstand Dedication: Ernie told us that the town of Belmont, NH will be dedicating their renovated Bandstand on September 28 at 1:00 PM. We are invited to attend.

At Risk Property: Bob explained that Bob Griffin has agreed to give a recorded tour of the Cheney Mill site. Ernie, Walt Roy, and Charlotte will attend. Gary and Deb want to know when we will do this, so they might attend if possible. Bob will contact the Hanson Property owners, and Deb will contact the Phillips house owners.

Sanborn Seminary Building: At the last meeting, it was discussed that the group needed professional help from a realtor and property developer. These professionals can prepare a plan and propose different ideas. The Seminary committee was in general agreement.

Fund Raising: We need ideas for fundraising. Gail suggested we make postcards and sell them. Deb and Holly agreed to try to create business plans for the idea. They agreed to meet to discuss. Deb asked us to consider writing articles for the papers to create some town understanding of what we are doing. It was discussed that our administrative costs are generally being covered under the Selectmen's budget.

HC Action Plans: We need to create action plans for our future efforts. Deb has some plans from other towns that she has downloaded. After some discussion, it was agreed that we hold a whole working meeting to develop these plans in January. Bob offered to facilitate this meeting.

New Business:

Capital Improvement Plans (CIP): The HC was asked if we had any input to the CIP. The CIP is to have a plan for expensive infrastructure expenses. The HC should help to identify items that might need large (> \$10,000) amounts of funding. This funding might come from different sources. George explained, that one area where we might be involved is the possible future use of the old Fire Station, after a new one is built. Another area where we might be involved is in the use of

Conservation Easements, perhaps in joint efforts with FOKUS, Southeast Land Trust, or the Wetlands Reserve Program..

George asked all the HC members to attend the Monday B of S meeting to discuss the bandstand issues.

Next meeting will be on October 23, 2014 at 7: 00 PM at the Library.
Following that, we will combine our November and December meetings on December 11, 2014.

Gail offered to take meeting notes next month.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ernie and seconded by George. It was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

This month's minutes were taken by Bob Bean.