

Kingston Heritage Commission

12/7/2016

Kingston Town Hall

Called to order at 7:07pm

Absent: Debby Powers, George Korn & Charlotte Boutin

Present: Ernie Landry, Bob Bean, Gail Ramsey, Holly Ouellette, Walt Roy, Jane Christie & Jennifer Ramsey-Feoli.

Motion to accept October minutes – Jane motioned & Bob accepted

Kingston Days – No new notes

Envision Kingston II – Debby Powers & Charlotte Boutin were at a meeting tonight to discuss options for the Sanborn Seminary building.

Option 1 – Have the town of Kingston own the building (buy out Newton) & try to lease it out.

Option 2 – Have the school board sell it to the Town of Kingston and have the Town of Kingston sell it for commercial use.

December 19, 2016 is the next steering committee

Envision Kingston II Report – A discussion took place as the best times to hold a public meeting to discuss the Envision Kingston II report, we figured the best days would be 1 weekend day meeting, 1 night meeting & 1 day meeting – Also possibly talk about it at the deliberative session on February 4, 2017. The meeting should include a presentation which lays out the suggestions / findings of the report, and an open forum to discuss the suggestions / findings in the report to get a feeling for what the people are for / opposed to. The meeting & discussion forum should be videotaped. There are a few major topics to discuss – One way around the plains, walking path on the plains, port-a-potty's on the plains, playground on the plains, Sanborn Seminary building & the Depot Road Intersection. We thought it would be best to hold the meetings in April so we could get a presentation together... The best dates we came up with are: Saturday April 15, 2017, Thursday April 27, 2017 (our Heritage Commission Meeting) and Tuesday May 2, 2017 during the day. We will get the word out about the meeting by the town TV channel, Holly will pass out information at the town hall, Facebook page and a notice in the newspaper.

Signs – No leadership on project... Bob??

Brochure – Nothing new to report due to holidays, etc. meeting in January.

Nichols Building – Roof work is getting done next spring by Mr. Leone who is on the state recommended list. There are quotes currently getting done for the restoration work needed for the front stairs.

Grace Daley House – Isiah 58 sent a letter stating that they have exhausted efforts in saving the property. Gail made a motion that was seconded by Holly to have Debby tell the selectmen that we do not have a way to save it ☹ - VERY reluctantly we all said I's in agreement. Bob Bean will work on a project book for that property.

Bandstand – Everything will be done but the painting by the end of the year, a waiver was sent to extend the deadline for completion. The town has spent a lot more money than originally thought. Ernie went to the senior lunch in to give them an update.

Demolition – No new news

Documentation – Sanders project book is done – A great job by Bob Bean!! Bob will make a few copies, 1 for the owner, 1 to the library (resource only), 1 to HDC, 1 to Walter Roy (helped in process) & 1 to Bob Bean.

CLG Grant Letter of Intent – Sent letter of impact for grants, we are 1 of 21 in NH out of 122! A letter was sent to re-grant an architectural historian. We need to present this to the planning board which will give us the opportunity to apply for the grant for approval – Virginia Morse and Glenn Coppelman will write the grant proposal to send to the architectural historians... We will need to integrate town ordinances, and think about what they want as far as a historical aspect, also can they make a recommendation for historical preservations? We need 3 proposals; should we pick a firm 1st or after to help us with the grant? We need to sit and discuss what we want to send to the architectural historian for them to provide us with a quote – Doing this will be Jane Christie, Ernie Landry, Virginia Morse & Glenn Coppelman. Everyone should look at the master plan and educate themselves!

Other News – None

New Business – None

Next meeting January 26, 2017 at the Kingston Library, Holly will take the minutes.

Bob motioned to adjourn and Gail seconded the motion.