

Town of Kingston Heritage Commission
Public Meeting
June 27, 2019 Minutes

1. **Alternate location and meeting time:** Meeting was held in the Town Hall “kitchen” following the Kingston Municipal Training session conducted by Stephen Buckley of the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA). This change was made to allow and encourage Heritage Commission members to attend the training session. Almost all HC members (including members who could not stay for the HC meeting) attended the presentation

Call to order: Chairwoman Debra Powers called the meeting to order at 8:40 p.m.

Attendance (quorum satisfied):

Members: Debra Powers, Chair - present
Ernie Landry, Vice-Chair - present
Robert Bean – present absent
Holly Ouellette - excused absent
Susan Prescott, HDC Representative - present
Gail Ramsey – excused absent
Richard Wilson, BOS Representative - excused absent
Charlotte Boutin, Alternate - present
Jane Christie, Alternate - present
Eileen Clifford, Alternate – present
Adam Faulconer, Alternate – present
Elaine VanDyke, Alternate – present

Guest/Envision-Kingston-Subcommittee: Walt Roy

2. **Minutes from** the May 23, 2019 Meeting were accepted as read. Motion made by Bob Bean and seconded by Ernie Landry

Chairwoman Debby Powers welcomed and introduced new alternate member - Adam Faulconer. Adam is already helping to get the HC Facebook Page up and running

3. **Heritage Fund Fundraiser:** All 100 tickets were “sold” prior to first drawing on June 16. The raffle generated a total of \$1,000; \$500 of which was awarded to the raffle winners (\$100 to each of the 5 winners); and \$500 for the Heritage Fund. Each winner is to receive his/her check in a card with a picture of a mural of the Kingston Town Hall (mural made by students of the Bakie school) and with a note from HC Chairwoman Debby Powers

Expenses were minimal and were drawn from the HC Operating Budget

We thank all who “sold” and/or bought Heritage Fund Spring 2019 raffle tickets

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4. **325th HC events being sponsored by HC:**

- Program on NH Cemeteries and Gravestones, a New Hampshire Humanities Event which the HC sponsored on June 08, was attended by 75 people, 50 of whom filled out the follow-up questioners. The presenter was NH Historian and author Glenn Knoblock. Mr. Knoblock was very knowledgeable, not only of many of the grave sites in The Plains Cemetery, but also of the Town's history.

The presentation was followed by snacks set up under tents on The Plains. Books written by Presenter Glenn Knoblock were available for sale. The HC purchased one of these books to donate to the town. A huge thank you to the organizers and the many helpers, who included: Liz and Ernie Landry, Gail Ramsey, Holly Ouellette, Bob Bean, Debby Powers and family, and Eileen Clifford

- The Kingston Summer Theater presentation of *Josiah Bartlett, an Extraordinary Man* is scheduled to be held in the Town Hall on both Saturday, July 27 (2:00 pm) and Sunday, August 4 (1:00 pm).

Various HC members have been in contact with Carol Misenheimer, the Drama Director and Playwright of the presentation.

Discussion: HC members are to follow-up on a variety of activities including (but not limited to): sound; lighting; pre-production stage cleanup; 100 chair set-up for audience; availability of town hall prior to performances (ie: recheck the details on the Facilities Use document); promotion; refreshments (including ice and cooler). Both Debra Powers and Ernie Landry are going for certification in Crowd Control

We are looking for HC members to help out at the HC booth at the Plains on Saturday, July 27 (until 2:00 pm) and at both presentations of *Josiah Bartlett, an Extraordinary Man* (dates and time are above)

5. NH Humanities Grant to bring in a 2nd 2019 HC Sponsored Event: we discussed sponsoring another event this year. A team was set up, with Ernie Landry as team leader, to review the list of possible programs. One possibility was mentioned at the meeting i.e. "Poor Houses and Town Farms: The Hard Row for Paupers", a program with present day ties with regard to taking care of indigent people
6. BOS / Other Town Organizations: no reports at this time
7. **Next Meeting** / Calendar/ Recorder-of-Next-Minutes:
 - HC meeting scheduled for 07/25 is canceled (Motion made by Bob Bean and seconded by Susan Prescott); next HC will be August 22 at the Kingston Community Library 7 pm. Will ask on 8/22 for volunteer to take minutes
 - The Envision Kingston Sub-committee meeting scheduled for 07/03 may be canceled
8. **Meeting Adjourned:** at 9:37 p.m.; motion made by Ernie Landry and seconded by Bob Bean

Minutes Prepared by: Eileen Clifford