

**Kingston Heritage Commission  
Public Meeting  
May 24, 2018 Draft Minutes**

**Call to order:** Chairwoman Debra Powers called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Attendance:**

**Present** (quorum satisfied):

Debra Powers

Ernie Landry

Robert Bean

Charlotte Boutin, guest

Jane Christie, Alternate

Eileen Clifford, Alternate

George Korn, Representative from BOS

Holly Quелlette

Gail Ramsey

Walter Roy, guest

Elaine VanDyke, Alternate

**Absent:**

Susan Prescott, Representative from HDC

Jennifer Ramsey-Feoli, Alternate

**Minutes Prepared by:** Eileen Clifford

**Minutes from Previous Meeting:** draft minutes from the April 26, 2018 meeting were accepted, amended, and then accepted as amended. Motions made by Holly and seconded by Gail

**Historic & Cultural Resources Chapter of Town of Kingston's Master Plan:**

Status: the professional editing process by Electra Alessio continues; Ernie continues to collect hours spent on this chapter by people whose time counts towards matching the grant from the Division of Historical Resources Certified Local Government (CLG) Program. We reminded ourselves that hours count when the person works for the town, and/or is on a town commission/committee, and/or has been appointed to work on this chapter and that the time Ernie is looking for is the time spent outside of the meetings where he himself tracks the time

Discussion: next steps in the review process, ways to expand the number of people that participant in the review process (for example, make copies of the chapter and bring some to Kingston Senior Lunch), upcoming deadline to complete the chapter

**Bandstand on the Plains and Corresponding Celebration:**

Debra passed around the Certificate of Commendation which the HC received from Governor Christopher T. Sununa and the New Hampshire Executive Council re: the bandstand restoration. A suggestion was made to put a photograph of the certificate on-line

The May 19<sup>th</sup> Re-Opening Ceremony of the Bandstand was successful. Over 100 people attended. Debra will be providing thank-you gifts to ceremony participants (key participants

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**Bandstand on the Plains and Corresponding Celebration** continued:

to receive a framed picture of the participant at the bandstand (pictures taken by Walt)). Noted: the Kingston Historical Museum Committee's joint opening of the museum complex was a great bonus attraction

Discussion: "Thank you" to Debra, Ernie, Walt, Elaine, and Ernie's wife Liz Landry for their efforts and preparations to make the celebration happen

Salem Sign Company has offered to donate two temporary signs, to be put up at the bandstand, expressing the sentiment "Thank you, Kingston, for your support". Discussion: exact wording and putting "Heritage Commission" in small letters at the bottom of the signs if there is room

Discussion on the bandstand stairway: the stairway was in place for the celebration allowing many to enjoy/experience the bandstand first hand. There are safety reasons why the stairs cannot be left in place. Reminder: there is a draft document on "Regulations on Use" for the bandstand. We voted (one voter abstaining) to open up the bandstand in conjunction with the 2018 Memorial Day Parade. We agreed to put a request into the Board of Selectmen to have the bandstand open when the Historical Museum Complex is open on the second Saturday of the month and we agreed *not* to ask that the bandstand be opened Wednesday mornings even though the Kingston Historical Museum building is open Wednesday mornings

Discussion: the bandstand has a light on the ceiling. Consider adding security lights to illuminate the exterior of the bandstand

**Envision Kingston Sub-Committee Updates:**

**Town Hall re: request from BOS to contribute to process of suggesting options regarding BOS space:** the sub-committee has been considering options and evaluating existing space in the Town Hall. The deadline (07/01) to report back to the BOS is fast approaching

**Town Signs (Welcome to Kingston, etc):** Ernie is leading this effort. One of the old signs was entrusted to the Sanborn Regional High School "shop" department to use as a template for making frames for 13 "Welcome to Kingston" signs. The school plans to use azec (a bright white, very durable product) for the frames. Ernie, Walt and Debra went on tour of the auto and woodwork shop areas of the high school. Debra reported that Salem Sign Company will sell us powder coated poly metal pieces at cost. As the subcommittee agreed to keep the lettering in the same fonts/design as on the old signs, research continues as to the best way to get the lettering done. Plans for one big sign for the "Village" of Kingston are a Work in Progress (WIP)

**Community Projects:** discussion: there are groups/individuals, such as Eagle scouts, who look for community projects and who, therefore, may be able to be of assistance on designated HC projects

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**Documentation:**

**Video Tour of the Town:** there continues to be a plan to make a video of the town

**Booklets on Historical Properties and Historical Properties at Risk:** the documentation team has targeted two properties to consider doing next. In response to a question, Bob explained concerns, HC actions, and common practices for notifications being made (or not) when a property owner submits a request for demolition

**Brochure to Promote Kingston through its History:** logos to be discussed in the future when we talk about the brochure

**HC Planning:**

**Next Projects:** one project would be to get help to write a grant to obtain a historical assessment of the Nichols Memorial Library building. Discussion: research if/how any of the previous assessments of building met the requirements; call a meeting at the Nichols Memorial Library building with the NH Preservation Alliance, ourselves, and others such as Rich St. Hilaire, the Museum Committee, and BOS (optional)

**Response to Invitation From the Danville HC to Meet with them:** for starters, we will a) invite the Danville HC to our next meeting and b) have KHC representatives (there were several volunteers) attend the next Danville HC meeting (June 27)

**“Meeting” of Area Heritage Commissions:** unlike a number of other HC’s, we have not yet hosted such an event (which normally includes a speaker from the state, getting a meal, etc.). We agreed that we are not in a position at this time to undertake hosting an area “meeting”

**Other Town Organizations:**

**Board of Selectmen (BOS):** continue with their own search for solutions to the space issue(s)

**Sanborn Seminary Building Negotiating Committee:** the negotiating process continues and issues continue to arise

**The Friends of the Church on the Plains:** are grateful for donations made by the Town of Kingston and want to have the church open Saturday mornings when the Kingston Historical Museum Complex is open

**Next Meeting:** Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Kingston Community Library; several members expect to be away; Gail volunteered to record the minutes

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:53 p.m.