

Kingston Historical Museum

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Kingston Community Library on **May 27, 2022**

Members present: Ruth Albert, Kathy Chase, Christine Hume, Walt Roy

Friends present: Jane Christie, Lesley Hume

Ruth called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

Meeting Items:

1. The Heritage Commission Grace Daley Barn restoration:

The Heritage Commission asked the Museum Committee and the Friends of The Museum to write supporting letters for the Moose Plate Grant application for rehabilitation of the Grace Daley Barn. Walt Roy, a member of the commission, spoke about the details. The expected cost of restoration is \$50,000. The grant would cover \$20,000. The supporting letter would express the importance of the museum educational programming in explaining the history of the building, its construction, its functions, and its special features. Kathy made the motion that Ruth write the supporting letter. Christine seconded it. Passed

2. The Hand Pumper

The Hand Pumper belongs to the museum. The Fire Department would like it to be stored and displayed at the new fire station. The committee has written a memo addressed to the Kingston Fire Department (KFD) stating that it has voted to loan the hand pumper to the KFD subject to certain conditions. One stipulation is that the hand pumper be returned to the museum to be on exhibit during Kingston Days when many people visit the museum. It is a memo to be signed by both the museum and the fire department representatives. Kathy made the motion that Ruth present the memo. Christine seconded it. Passed

3. Officers

Walt motioned that Ruth be president for another year. Christine seconded it. He also made the motion that officers remain the same with Christine as vice president and Kathy as secretary. Ruth seconded it. Both motions passed.

4. Secretary's Report

Kathy read the December 3, 2021 Minutes. Ruth made the motion to accept the Minutes as read. Walt seconded it. Passed

5. 2022 Museum Budget update

Susan Ayers provided the April Budget report. During the month of May supplies were purchased for the new exhibits. The committee will review the May report next month. As of May 27th, Kingston History books totals are as follows: Town Clerk: 113, Museum: 8, and Library: 8, for a total of 129.

6. The 2022 Meeting schedule

Tuesday, June 21

Tuesday, July 9

Tuesday, August 23

Tuesday, September 27

Tuesday, October 25

Tuesday, November 29

The public is welcome to attend the meetings which are held at the Kingston Community Library at 5:30 PM.

7. Museum Opening Schedule

The museum is open the 2nd Saturday June through October.
And on Kingston Days August 6th and 7th

Museum volunteers are busy revising or creating new exhibits.
They work on Wednesday mornings. Visitors are welcome.

Ruth asked each of the attendees to submit their availability. Members also need to start asking friends and family if they will volunteer some time at Kingston Days if not during the week.

8. Kingston Days

The Flea Market: Lesley Hume reported that the Friends will be holding their 50th Flea Market this year. The Kingston Days Committee will be using a 90 x 90 sq feet area for the cow patty. The Friends will get make up space in the area where the bingo tent was located. Ruth has already begun to send vendor packages for the Flea Market. The plan is to set up early this year, on Thursday evening. Volunteer Kim Buzzell will help. Lesley asked Ruth if she would hand out flyers at the VFW Craft sale on Saturday. She agreed.

Saturday Program: Lesley stated that she has reached out to Kristen Eastman about her father bringing Jerry Doliver's race car and giving a talk about racing at Kingston Days. She will update the Committee as soon as she gets a reply. Another possibility is inviting a gentleman who asked us about giving a presentation on the Kingston Civil War soldiers and their service. These men were mistakenly identified as coming from Kingston, Massachusetts. Lesley will also look at NH Humanities programs.

9. Fundraising and Program Ideas:

Antique Appraisal Day – Fundraiser – An auctioneer is needed. Lesley reported that Daniel Olmstead recently did a similar event. Ruth will contact him and another auctioneer.

10. Tours:

The committee discussed ideas including the possibility of having a walking tour via the tour application called CLIO. Members will check CLIO out by visiting their website to learn more about their service.

11. Technology:

Lesley explained that Block5 had created a password for the museum's wi-fi but they didn't tell us. This is why no one could go on the wi-fi network.

Block5 is waiting for one piece of equipment which is scheduled to arrive next Tuesday. Once it is in hand, they will schedule the installation of the network equipment. Ruth and Lesley spoke to Block5 and explained that we are unable to continue with many projects until they complete their work. The museum data is still insecure.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chase