

Kensington Heritage Commission Meeting

March 27, 2024; 7:00PM

Minutes- **DRAFT**

The meeting was held in person at the Kensington Town Hall. The meeting was posted on the Town's website, so the public was able to attend.

In Attendance:

Present: Regular Members: Lynne Monroe, Chair; Meghan Gross, Secretary; Elaine Kaczmarek

Alternates: Alan Tuthill; Frank Whittemore

Absent: Steven Mallory; Joni Praded; Bob Gustafson, Treasurer and Selectmen's Representative; Planning Board Representative

Call to order at 7:10 PM

Minutes: The minutes for the February 28 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Frank Whittemore to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Alan Tuthill seconded. Approved unanimously.

BUSINESS

Town Center National Register Nomination: The Heritage Commission held a public meeting last week on March 20 to discuss the National Register District nomination. Five members of the public were in attendance, and Megan Rupnik and Amy Dixon from the NH Division of Historic Resources (State Historic Preservation Office) and six Heritage Commission members. Lynne gave a PowerPoint presentation on the buildings in the district and the Megan Rupnik gave one about the National Register process of nominating and listing the district. Refreshments and conversation followed.

Grange: The building should be de-winterized soon and will be opening in mid-April to host events throughout the summer. The deed to Elaine Kazcmarek's land donation has been granted to the town.

Union Meetinghouse: Foundation work will be done on the south side of the building. The restored north elevation windows have been reinstalled.

Library: An April meeting is scheduled with the Select Board to discuss how to educate townspeople about the need for a library addition. Meghan will send Elaine some examples from another NH town that has launched a library addition campaign.

Historical Society/ Brick School update: Two 18th century stays from the collection of the Historical Society have been loaned to the Woodman Museum in Dover and will be on exhibit there starting April 6 through November.

Master Plan Discussion: Lynne ran into Owen Corcoran, Kensington's Land Use Administrative Assistant, and had a long talk about connecting with the Planning Board. Owen agreed to help find a Planning Board representative to join the Heritage Commission and include the Commission in the Master Plan process.

NEW BUSINESS

Other Business:

State barn tax incentive program (RSA 79-D) applications are due on April 15. Lynne would like to broadcast the program to Kensington residents on social media. Meghan will help upload. Lynne will also check with Kathy about it.

Two members of the Commission have reached the end of their term. Meghan Gross has elected not to be reappointed as a member/secretary of the Heritage Commission due to difficulty attending evening meetings and less personal time due to new responsibilities at her job with the NH Preservation Alliance. Alan Tuthill elected to be reappointed for another term as a regular member and not an alternate.

Elaine Kaczmarek made a motion to adjourn at 7:47pm; Alan Tuthill seconded it. Approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 7:00 at the Town Hall.