

Kensington Heritage Commission Meeting

October 25, 2023

Minutes- **DRAFT**

The meeting was held in person at the Kensington Library. 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

Alternates: Elaine Kaczmarek; Frank Whittemore; Alan Tuthill

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

Call to order at 7:06 PM

Minutes: The minutes from the September 27 meeting were reviewed. Elaine Kaczmarek made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Frank Whittemore. Approved unanimously.

BUSINESS

Grange: Fire Association Event was a success and there is a contra dance coming up this weekend! New insulation was installed at the end of Sept/ beginning of October. Elaine will be going to the Planning Board on November 15 to get a lot line adjustment approved for the land donation behind the Grange.

Union Meetinghouse: Rehabilitation is progressing according to schedule, and will be slowing in anticipation of winter weather.

Library: Interior plans are under discussion with the architect and the Library Trustees. Trustees will host a November 13 meeting with the architect and Selectboard to approve the initial design.

Historical Society: Collections are currently being digitized by a Collections Management Intern from UNH and she's been steadily cataloging the items in the Sawyer Room.

National Register Nomination: NHDHR is reviewing the Town Center Historic District Nomination.

PlanNH Charette/Town Center: The American Planning Association (Northern New England Branch) is hosting a conference in Newcastle (Nov. 6-8) and representatives from Kensington are invited to attend to be a part of the panel on the PlanNH Charette process. Lynne and Joni will attend and describe the Town's experience with the Charette, and what has transpired since that time.

NEW BUSINESS

Other Business:

Reminder the NH Preservation Alliance is hosting two zoom presentations related to Heritage Commissions. Lynne invited the Commission members to attend and watch together. Suggestion to use the library's Sawyer Room and projector to have a bit more space and a bigger screen. The library is working on being able to project meetings. One is November 9 and one is November 14.

Elaine Kaczmarek made a motion to adjourn at 7:38pm; Frank Whittemore seconded it. Approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 7:00 at the Town Hall.