

Kensington Heritage Commission Meeting

November 29, 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; Bob Gustafson, Treasurer and Selectmen's Representative

Alternates: Alan Tuthill

Absent: Steven Mallory; Joni Praded; Planning Board Representative; Frank Whittemore; Elaine Kaczmarek

Call to order at 7:10 PM

Minutes: The minutes from the October 25 meeting were reviewed. Bob Gustafson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Alan Tuthill. Approved unanimously.

BUSINESS

Grange: The Grange will be shut down for winter this year due to inefficiencies in the heating system. Utilities will be turned off until April. Grange Trustees have gotten a quote to upgrade the HVAC system and they are considering putting it on the 2024 warrant article. Commission members were supportive as the investment would allow the building to be used throughout the year.

Union Meetinghouse: Rehabilitation is moving forward. Three windows have been removed and the Committee is trying to work with the school to have the students paint scenes on the temporary window coverings.

Library: Friends of the Library are still working on the addition, but as of this week the Friends have decided not to put the new addition on the 2024 warrant article.

Historical Society/ Brick School update: Collections intern will be doing a presentation for the town at the library on her project on December 19 at 5:30pm. She is creating a digital archive of the photos, documents and objects belonging to the Historical Society.

National Register Nomination of the Town Center Historic District: DHR is still reviewing the draft application and have given many positive comments. Their office will help coordinate meetings in town when the draft is finalized. This effort will frame the work with Plan NH on the Town Center.

PlanNH Charette/Town Center: Lynne and Joni attended a planning conference to participate on a panel with PlanNH as Kensington was chosen as a model Charette participant. Lynne suggested to the PlanNH team that we have a "Charette revisitation" meeting and they thought it was a great idea. Details for the meeting will be worked out in the coming months.

NEW BUSINESS

Other Business:

Lynne met Justin McLane, member of the planning board and owner of an 18th century house in town, and would like to approach him about being the Heritage Commission's planning board representative. Members agree he would be a good candidate.

The house on Moulton Ridge could be saved if a piece of land could be found by the end of the year. The homeowner has agreed to let a private citizen take the house at no cost if it can be dismantled and moved off the property. The private citizen plans to rebuild it for use as a private home if a suitable piece of land could be found and purchased.

Meghan Gross made a motion to adjourn at 8:03pm; Alan Tuthill seconded it. Approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 3, 2023, 7:00 at the Town Hall.
