

Kensington Heritage Commission Meeting

April 24, 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; Elaine Kaczmarek, Temporary Secretary, Bob Gustafson, Alternates: Alan Tuthill; Frank Whittemore

Absent: Steven Mallory; Joni Praded

Call to order at 7:10 PM

Minutes: The minutes for the March 27th meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Frank Whittemore to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Elaine Kaczmarek seconded. Approved unanimously.

BUSINESS

Town Center National Register Nomination: The Town Center nomination will be before the NH Site Review Committee this Friday and if it is approved, it will be sent to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places next week!

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'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 and look great. No other new news.

Library: An April meeting has been scheduled with the Select Board to discuss educating townspeople about the 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.

Grange: The water is turned on for the season. They are pursuing a permit to construct a parking lot on the land that was donated by Elaine Kaczmarek. Lynne encouraged maintaining as many trees as possible and a dirt/gravel surface so it would blend with the cemetery road.

Meeting: House Construction will begin again this Spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Brick School: The existing flagpole is damaged beyond repair, so the Historical Society is looking for a replacement. The shingles on the main roof are compromised.

Lecture at the Library: Big House Little House Back House Barn Is forty years old. The Vermont Historical Society is hosting the author, Tom Hubka, in a lecture on May 14 at 7:00. The Heritage Commission will approach the Library to host a viewing in the Sawyer Room.

Moulton Ridge Cell Tower: The Division of Historic Resources is reviewing the project and has asked to consult with the Heritage Commission. The Commission reviewed their findings and agreed that while there is hardly any visibility in connection with the two sites named in their report, they wish to stay neutral and not endorse or disapprove the application. Just the facts of what their study proved.

Celebration! Elaine Kaczmarek signed the easement on the Hilliard Prescott House this week!!! Three cheers and more for Elaine! This is the third building she has protected with an easement. The Commission expressed gratitude to her for working to maintain the historic character and resources of the Town.

New Members Lynne will talk to Owen and the Planning Board to see if one of their members would be willing to become a member of the H.C. Everyone will think about new members.

Other Business:

Elaine Kaczmarek made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm; Alan Tuthill seconded it. Approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 7:00 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Kaczmarek