

Kensington Heritage Commission Meeting

January 27, 2021

Minutes

The meeting was held virtually using the Town's Zoom platform. The meeting was posted on the Town's website, so the public was able to attend. Sarah Wiggin, Interim Town Clerk opened the meeting and was present to help as needed. Lynne Monroe hosted the meeting with her email and phone so that anyone who called in or wished to join could have done so easily.

Lynne Monroe read the Checklist to Ensure Meetings are Compliant with the Right-to-Know Law During the State of Emergency.

In Attendance:

Present:

Regular Members: Lynne Monroe, Chair; Elaine Kaczmarek, Secretary; Bob Gustafson, Treasurer; Conservation Commission Representative; Meghan Gross; Steven Mallory, and new member, Joni Praded; Bob Solomon, Selectmen's Representative; Mike Schwotzer, Planning Board Representative

Alternates: Frank Whittemore and Alan Tuthill

Absent:

Alternate: Ben Cole,

Call to order at 6:17 PM

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(The 12-23-20 meeting was cancelled for the holiday.)

The minutes from the 11-25-2020 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Mike Schwotzer made the motion to accept, seconded by Alan Tuthill.

Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Members

The board welcomed new member, Joni Praded to complete one of the open two-year terms. Joni has a particular interest in the town center work begun by the Plan NH Charette. Suggestion to put the word out on Kensington Connects, Community News, and the Historical Society for another member.

OLD BUSINESS

Grange Hall: Frank Whittemore reported that the committee has asked the town for up to \$15,000 to redo part of the roof, painting, stone work, electric and duct replacement from mouse damage. Steven Mallory made a motion that we support the work of the Grange committee and that motion was seconded by Meghan Gross. It was discussed that it would be a good to attend the deliberative session to mention that the Heritage Commission supports the work at the Grange, but no members were planning to attend due to Covid 19. A vote of support was taken and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Farm Museum: Alan Tuthill reported that he had been to visit the Evans' in New York state and saw a good was impressed by the amount and quality of the farm equipment that they wish to give to the Historical Society. A list needs to be made of all the farm equipment in his barn.

Congregational Church: Mike Schwotzer reported that the storm windows have been installed, a new furnace is expected soon and an LG propane tank will be installed on the east side of the church. The tiles on the vestry floor need to be replaced.

The Union Meeting House. The Piscataqua Decorative Arts Society made a video With Lynne Monroe and Steven Mallory discussing the building and it was posted online and on the Heritage Commission Page.

The Library: No news this month.

The Town Hall. Bob Solomon requested that Heritage Commission members, Lynne Monroe and Frank Whittemore meet with him and the Police Chief. The Police need exterior storage space and would like to put a shed next to the town hall. They have picked a shed from Home Depot. Lynne and Frank and Bob had a good conversation with Chief Cane and together they chose a location for it where it would be least intrusive. Then they discussed how it could be finished to blend with the other buildings with white walls, a black roof, and dark green shutters, doors, and windows.

Plan NH/Town Center Committee.

Bob Solomon said that the group will need a leader. Joni Praded is willing to think about the possibility. The consensus seemed to be that a small group should begin the conversation and it could start as a Heritage Commission working group and posted as such.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm. Motion made by Mike Schwotzer and seconded by Bob Gustafson. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Next meeting will be February 24 at 6:15.