

TOWN OF KENSINGTON
HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING
Kensington Town Hall, 95 Amesbury Road, Kensington, NH 03833
ZOOM
WEDNESDAY, February 24, 2021 @ 6:15pm
DRAFT 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, 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.

Checklist

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; Bob Gustafson, Treasurer; Conservation Commission Representative; Meghan Gross; Steven Mallory, Joni Praded; Bob Solomon, Selectmen's Representative; Mike Schwotzer, Planning Board Representative, Alternate: Frank Whitemore

Absent: Regular Members: Elaine Kaczmarek, Secretary, Alternates: Ben Cole, Alan Tuthill

Call to order at 6:17 PM

Minutes

Mike Schwotzer made motion to approve January 27 minutes. Meghan Gross seconded. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Old Business

Plan NH/Town Center Committee?

Goal is to first revisit the Plan NH recommendations and the summary of townspeople's concerns in order to get a sense of what the priorities would be if the Heritage Commission were to work on some of the issues raised. Lynne has circulated the Plan NH charrette report to commission members. Lynne and Joni will meet prior to the next Heritage Commission meeting to go through the box of charrette-related info she has on hand; it includes the list of folks who wanted to keep apprised and possibly help. Will devote the next Heritage Commission meeting to the charrette. Like all meetings, it will be open to the public.

Grange

Work will be voted on by the town on the March 9.

Shed behind the Town Hall

On the warrant. Seacoast Tech students want to build it if the town votes to authorize the expense. Heritage Commission will offer assistance on design.

Congregational Church

Mike reports that the church still awaits news on heating system. No other news.

Union Meetinghouse

Heritage Commission members Lynne, Joni, Ben, Steven, and Mike are also among the trustees of the Union Meetinghouse. Steven and Lynne will be working on a building assessment. Possibly Meghan too?

Mike reports that he, Ben, and Joni met with Terry Knowles, who advised on next steps regarding the creation of a 501(c)3 and related issues. Terry also suggested that the Historical Society would be a good fiscal sponsor while the nonprofit application is under review.

Frank says Holly McCann (Historical Society treasurer) would be the contact about Historical Society fiscal sponsorship when the time comes.

Planning Board

Mike reports the town has two applications for Hogs Hill Reserve. There are three partners; they report they plan to keep it as a personal hunting, fishing, and nature reserve. Partners are not interested in conservation easements at present. Say they may be in future. Currently on the property are the old Dingman house and other existing buildings. Potential is for two more houses. Some wetlands in the Kensington portion of the property, but most is upland. There are trails (Mr. Dingman had given them historically pertinent names). Prime farmland but unsure if that use will remain.

Adjournment.

Frank motions to adjourn. Bob G. seconds. Unanimous approval.

Next Meeting Date – March 24, 2021