

# Kensington Heritage Commission Meeting

June 23, 2021

## Minutes

The meeting was held in person at the 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; Bob Gustafson, Treasurer and Selectmen's Representative; Elaine Kaczmarek, Secretary, Meghan Gross, and Steven Mallory on Zoom  
Alternate: Frank Whittemore

#### *Absent:*

Regular Members: Joni Praded, Mike Schwotzer, Planning Board Representative  
Alternates: Ben Cole, Alan Tuthill

Call to order at 6:30 PM

### Minutes

The minutes from the June 23rd meeting were reviewed and approved. Meghan Gross made the motion to accept, seconded by Frank Whittemore.

Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

### **OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS**

The Union Meeting House. The building will remain a tax- deductible Church and the Union Meeting House Trustees have established it as a 501c3. To maintain its character as a church it must continue the long history of hosting summer meetings in conjunction with the Old Home Days celebration. Therefore, there will be a service on the Sunday morning of the Old Home Days weekend, August 14 and 15. A large oak tree that was leaning over the back of the church has been removed by Royal Green tree service.

Planning Board. PB is done with a site plan review for Crow's Feat Farm. Hobbs Hill plans have changed: 100-foot strip along western border eliminated to avoid a loop road. There are still some issues with the plans put forth and this will be the first item on the agenda at the June 15 meeting. Eventually there will be an acceptable plan. Current plans involve 2 new houses on a subdivision, one development partner occupying the Dingman house, and remainder of property to be used as a private reserve.

Old Home Days. The Rec Committee is organizing the celebration for August 14 and 15. There will be a barbeque and fireworks at the park on Saturday and the traditional service and photograph at the Union Meetinghouse on Sunday morning. The Heritage Commission will plan a tour of old homes for the occasion. Alan Tuthill and Steven Mallory have good examples of early farms, The Hilliard House is convenient in the town center. The Library and Grange will be open on Saturday and the Heritage Commission can offer walking tours of the Town Center with the Walking Tour Brochure. Lynne will work up a draft of a flyer discussing the Heritage Commission offerings. Joni may wish to offer something inviting people to discuss the Plan NH work.

The National Register nomination of the Town Center has been started.

The Brick School The Historical Society is going to hire Window Woman to restore the windows!

Town-Wide Survey. Survey is over 20 years old (prepared in 1997) and an update would involve driving around town to see what is still standing, what changes have been made, and to identify any new properties to be included. Ideally, the update is done in conjunction with an update to the town master plan which needs to be done, but there is no solid plan in place to do so at this point in time. The idea is to work with the Conservation Commission (CC) to define the character defining places that contribute to the historic rural landscape that defines the town. And then to discuss methods for protecting them. Bob Gustafson reports that the CC has been putting together a table of properties identified for conservation. Sydney Goddard also has current conservation properties on a map. The current survey map is an old Sawyer map, but we should use an updated map, like the parcel map and work to have everything available electronically (Meghan can help with this eventually). A good first step is to get a good base map to re-survey from. Andrew at Assessor's office (also does IT!) is the person to talk to.

Frank Whittemore made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 pm and it was seconded by Steven Mallory. Approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be July 28 at 6:15 at the Town Hall.