

**TOWN OF KENSINGTON  
HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING  
Kensington Town Hall, 95 Amesbury Road, Kensington, NH 03833  
TOWN HALL  
WEDNESDAY, August 4, 2021 @ 6:15pm  
Meeting Minutes**

*Present:*

Regular Members: Lynne Monroe, Chair; Bob Gustafson, Treasurer and Selectmen's Representative; Mike Schwotzer, Planning Board Representative; Joni Praded

Alternate: Frank Whittemore

*Absent:*

Regular Members: Elaine Kaczmarek, Secretary, Meghan Gross, Steven Mallory

Alternates: Ben Cole, Alan Tuthill

**Minutes:**

1. **Call to order.** Lynne called the meeting to order at 6:21 pm.
2. **Approval of minutes.** Frank moved that we approve the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes. Lynne seconded. No discussion. Three in favor; two that were not present on June 23<sup>rd</sup> abstained.
3. **Union Meetinghouse.** Lynne reported that there will be a service at the Union Meeting House on Sunday, August 15, at 10 am during On Old Home Days. Service is currently being planned.
4. **Old Home Days.** Old Home Days run from August 14 to August 15. Grange will be open and library will also be having a book sale. Discussion ongoing about whether there will be walking tours, and whether both churches as well as the other town-center buildings will be open. Community News deadline is August 13, so it won't be out in time for publicity. Lynne will also reach out over Kensington Connects. Heritage Commission can conduct the walking tours. Lynne has volunteered.
5. **Library.** Frank reported that there is a new estimate underway for the addition to the library. Prices have gone up since the last estimate, which was generated a few years ago. Town will likely need to address space needs for fire/police station before the library extension can be taken up. What might happen to the old fire station if it moves to a new site? Possible grant support available for repurposing the building. Bob and Frank suggested considering a farm/town museum. Enthusiastic support!
6. **Plan NH/Town Center.** Joni reported that based on prior conversations next steps would be to gather interested residents and get their current thinking on what might be important to take up from the observations and recommendations of Plan NH. All agreed that to pick up this conversation, a charette committee will need to be revived. Heritage Commission would like to proceed on this.

General consensus on next steps:

- Check with selectmen for their approval.
- Check back in with residents and see what their thoughts are about priorities, wants, needs, etc. now that we are a few years out from the charette.
- If select board concurs that the Heritage Commission can take over the post-charette project, the Heritage Commission will check with Planning Board to see if they will approve some funding for the survey.
- Then, the Heritage Commission will design a survey for resident input and slate a date for a town-wide meeting once large gatherings are advisable.

7. **Planning Board.** Mike reported that the Hog Hill Preserve plans were revised (104 South Road, 2 & 14 Bartlett Road). Application was approved for a three-lot subdivision and lot line adjustment. Applicants say they want to use the land as a hunting preserve. There is already a shooting range there. Planning board believes the applicants met the requirements and so they approved the plan. On the property there will now be two small house lots, one big one with a house on it, and one larger one. Applicants say there are no plans to develop the land. Much of it is wetlands and DES has written a letter saying that it is unbuildable. The owners were asked to consider putting land into conservation. They have chosen not to put any land in conservation.
8. **Conservation Commission.** Bob reported that Conservation Commission is putting together the spreadsheet of high-priority conservation lands. Heritage Commission members will visit a Conservation Commission meeting to see how we can assist in identifying
9. **National Register.** Lynne is continuing work on the National Register nomination.
10. **Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned.