

Kensington Heritage Commission Meeting

May 27, 2020

Minutes – **DRAFT**

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, Deputy Town Clerk, hosted the meeting so that anyone who called in or wished to join could do 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, Meghan Gross, secretary, Bob Solomon, treasurer; Alternate Members: Elaine Kaczmarek, Frank Whittemore

Absent: Regular Members: Bob Gustafson, Steven Mallory, Alan Tuthill, Ex-officio: Mike Schwotzer, Planning Board Representative Alternates: Ben Cole, Lorraine O'Keefe, Ex-officio: Joe Pace, Selectmen Representative

Call to order at 6:25 PM

As there was not a quorum, the three alternates present were asked to serve.

Minutes review from 2/26/20 meeting:

Lynne Monroe moved to approve the minutes and Elaine Kaczmarek seconded to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2020 meeting. Approved unanimously.

Officers. As Meaghan Gross is about to deliver twins, she will step down as secretary until she is able to return. Elaine Kaczmarek agreed to act as secretary until that time. We now have two members of the Selectmen on the Commission, Bob and Joe. That is not permissible as it then becomes a Selectmen's meeting, They will work together to decide what to do. Bob resigned as Treasurer, and Frank Whittemore agreed to serve. All positions were voted by roll call unanimously. Mike Schwotzer will continue as Planning Board representative.

OLD BUSINESS

Warrant Article

The Selectmen's Article to create a Heritage Fund was passed at Town Meeting. No discussion.

Action: No action.

Facebook Page

Lynne will keep posting fun historic pictures and historic articles. She asks members to send her any ideas. We'd like the town to be able to help us post larger documents; Joe may be able to help. The Community News article will encourage people to use the walking tour booklet to enjoy the buildings in the Town Center. Lynne will leave several in a box on the steps of the Library. The link to the booklet will be posted on the Library website for use on smart phones and tablets. The article will be posted on the Commission's FaceBook page.

Action:

Commission members will send fun and interesting items to Lynne for posting.

Rec Committee and Old Home Day Discussion:

Because all of the activities that the Commission planned for Old Home Days involved large groups of people gathering or touring private homes the Commission felt that they should not participate in the celebration this year. Unanimous vote.

Library Addition:

Elaine reported that there is no new news regarding the library addition as the effort is on hold.

No Action

Library National Register Nomination:

The Library has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places! A link to the document will be placed on the Library webpage and there will be a conversation about a bronze plaque to commemorate it.

Parsonage:

The new homeowner is an architect who is interested in the history of the house and has met with Lorraine and Joan at the library. She liked the flyer that we prepared! We will try to talk with her.

Old House and Barn Expo:

The NH Preservation Alliance cancelled the Old House and Barn Expo this year due to the pandemic.

OTHER BUSINESS

At 6:55, Frank Whittemore called for a motion to adjourn; Elaine K. seconded. Approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be June 24, 2020 at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Kaczmarek, secretary

Lynne Monroe, chair *Action:*