

# Kensington Heritage Commission Meeting

February 2, 2023

Minutes- **DRAFT**

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; Meghan Gross, Secretary; Bob Gustafson, Treasurer and Selectmen's Representative; Steven Mallory

*Alternates:* Frank Whittemore, Elaine Kaczmarek; Joni Praded

*Absent:* Planning Board Representative

Call to order at 7:04 PM

Minutes: The minutes from the December 28 meeting were reviewed. Bob Gustafson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Elaine Kaczmarek. Approved unanimously. Joni Praded abstained.

## **BUSINESS**

### Town Center Discussion:

Grange: Discussion on January 26 was a great start to revisiting the Town Center discussion. Consensus is that the building makes a great community space. The Grange discussion can jump start the continuation of the Plan NH Design Charette conversation.

Union Meetinghouse: The group is reviewing contractor proposals now.

Library: Library trustees will be meeting with the architect of a proposed new addition this coming month. Work will begin on the design of the addition.

Meeting: The meeting to discuss the future use of the Grange, promoted discussion of the use of other buildings in town and came back again and again to the need to study the infrastructure and safety of navigating the town center on foot. This includes crosswalks, side paths, traffic calming measures, all of which need help from NHDOT. Upcoming completion of the Kensington Town Center National Register Historic District nomination will necessitate meetings to approve the nomination and will make a natural segue into these other issues. Joni said that she talked to author Howard Mansfield in Hancock, who worked with the town to construct sidepaths—he has offered to meet with us via zoom to talk about his experience. One of the Selectmen mentioned to Lynne that the next step is to come before the BOS and get them to appoint a committee to implement the recommendations in the Charette.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Other Business: Meghan met with the owner of the Moulton Ridge Property and a private party who is interested in moving the house. He was interested in the property but wanted to do some cost comparisons. Steven stressed that the cost of disassembling the house would be exorbitant. If the house could be moved in one piece it might be financially feasible, (actually not as the

moving cost would be huge due to the power lines) ut if it was deconstructed and reassembled it will become “new construction” and the cost of getting it up to code would be extremely expensive.

Frank Whittemore made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 pm; Steven Mallory seconded it. Approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 7:00 at the Town Hall.