

# Kensington Heritage Commission Meeting

March 22, 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

*Alternates:*, Elaine Kaczmarek; Steven Mallory, Joni Praded

*Absent:* Frank Whittemore, Planning Board Representative

Call to order at 7:04 PM

Minutes: The minutes from the February 22, meeting were reviewed. Meghan Gross made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Bob Gustafson. Approved unanimously.

## **BUSINESS**

### Town Center Discussion:

Grange: Meghan informed everyone that the Grange Trustees will be hosting an Open House on April 16 from 1-4pm. She outlined a few of the recommendations that the Grange Trustees will present in their report and invited all Heritage Commission members to attend the Open House. A meeting with the Selectboard to present the findings has not been scheduled yet. The Grange Trustees will also meet with the Road Manager and abutting neighbor, Elaine Kaczmarek, as well as representatives from the Cemetery Trustees, on March 25 to discuss a new plan for parking.

Union Meetinghouse: The Friends of Union Meetinghouse are in the process of choosing contractors to start the exterior rehabilitation of the building.

Library: The library has signed a contract with the architect and will start to survey the property as the first part of the design process. The Trustees hope to get a warrant article on the ballot for the addition March 2024. Lynne will ask Susie, the librarian, to put the National Register documentation on the library's website. There was a spirited discussion about making sure the design for the new addition is appropriate for the building.

Cell Tower: Lynne attended the hearings regarding the proposed cell tower on Moulton Ridge Road. She reported that a variance was granted to the cell tower applicant by the Board of Adjustment. However, the Planning Board spent most of the time reading the Vertex application verbatim and there wasn't enough time to discuss the application fully so there will be another hearing. Bob Solomon, selectman, told Lynne that the Heritage Commission's report made a difference in their decision-making process and was grateful for our work on the visibility study and report.

Town Center: National Register nomination for town center draft will be available for review by Heritage Commission members by the end of March.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Other Business: Meghan announced that there will be a statewide Preservation Conference hosted by the NH Preservation Alliance at the Claremont Opera House on May 19. There will be a discount for Heritage Commissions if any of the members would like to attend. There is also an Office of Planning and Development Planning and Zoning Conference on Saturday, April 29, with 4 sessions related to historic preservation planning. The conference is free and virtual.

Elaine Kaczmarek made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm; Bob Gustafson seconded it. Approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 7:00 at the Town Hall.