

Kensington Heritage Commission Meeting

August 1, 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; Frank Whittemore, Alan Tuthill

Absent: Steven Mallory; Joni Praded; Planning Board Representative;

Call to order at 7:07 PM

Minutes: The minutes from the June 28 meeting were reviewed. Frank Whittemore made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Elaine Kaczmarek. Approved unanimously.

BUSINESS

Review of work on public buildings in the Town Center

Grange: New roof on north side of the building has been completed, exterior and interior painting are completed as well. An artist's fair is being planned for September 23 with several vendors. Trustees are working out details for a food truck and tiny shop as well. Grange Trustees are also planning to host a contra dance on October 28 with a local group from Kingston. Meghan talked to police department and they said they didn't think police detail will be needed, but Bob suggests that the Trustees mention the event to Kathy and have the BOS discuss. He also suggests having structural supports below checked to make sure the building can support a dance. Trustees will work on that. Elaine's survey company has come back with a full survey of the proposed property donation. One small detail remains to be figured out with the well, but once that is settled then Elaine will present the plan to the planning board and donate the parcel. The plan includes parking for 2 rows of cars behind the Grange.

Union Meetinghouse: A service is being planned for Old Home Day Sunday (8/20) and Sunday, 8/27. There is a bass viol on display in the Sawyer Room in the library that was used in the building. The Church would like to ask the Historical Society to loan it for display during the summer services. Meghan will check with the Historical Society Board members.

Library: No news to report on the library addition. The Trustees are just waiting for the architects to create and present the designs for review. Lynne asks for an opportunity to record and draw the existing landscape design before any construction begins.

National Register Nomination: The Town Center Historic District nomination is about to be completed! 16 property owners will be sent a letter from the state about the proposed district as the next step.

Town Center: Lynne called NHDOT again to try to get in touch with someone who can come and talk to us about crosswalks, etc. No response yet.

Old Home Day: Will be held on August 19 this year. The Heritage Commission will lead a walking tour of the downtown area again. Alan is willing and able to help lead the walking tour. We should have Linda Bennet tell her woods walkers (her walk is at 9am) that it is happening at 10:30am. Needs to be added to the official schedule. Meghan will have the Rec Committee make needed changes.

Historical Society: The annual Yard Sale is coming up. A new roof will be installed on the ell of the building in September because there was a small leak due to very old shingles.

NEW BUSINESS

Other Business: Commission members went through a list of ideas for projects and have made good progress on several of the bullet items.

Elaine Kaczmarek made a motion to adjourn at 7:52pm; Frank Whittemore seconded it. Approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 7:00 at the Town Hall.