

Kensington Heritage Commission Meeting

July 22, 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. Kathleen Felch, Town Administrator opened the meeting. Lynne Monroe hosted the meeting so that anyone who called in or wished to join could have done 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, treasurer; Bob Gustafson, and Mike Schwotzer, Planning Board Representative; Alternate Members: Frank Whittemore

Absent: Regular Members: Elaine Kaczmarek, secretary, Steven Mallory and Alan Tuthill, Alternates: Ben Cole and Lorraine O'Keefe

Call to order at 6:20 PM

Quorum: As there were not enough regular members present for a quorum, Mike Schwotzer made a motion to make Frank Whittemore, alternate, a regular member for the meeting, Bob Gustafson seconded, approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Minutes review from 6/24/20 meeting: Frank Whittemore made a motion to accept the minutes Mike Schwotzer seconded. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Universalist Church

Frank Whittemore reported a conversation with Mary, Carl Rezendes sister and heir. She is very positive and wants to help it become secure. Ben Cole wants to make it a non-profit, but he has not communicated lately.

Farm Equipment

Frank Whittemore reported that Alan Tuthill would be willing to store the donated equipment in his barn. Alan already has benches from the Town Hall and the Historical Society's milk wagon. Mike Schwotzer suggested that the selectmen might be interested in knowing about this, but as the Historical Society is not part of Town Government, it is not necessary, just courteous. Lynne Monroe suggested that the Historical Society consider the offer of the Heritage Commission to work with them on this project. Frank will take that to a meeting. Also Mike brought up the matter of insurance as there may be a liability for Alan if things are stored in his barn.

NEW BUSINESS

Congregational Church

Mike reported that the renovation was nearly complete. They have replaced the floors on the entries; replaced the wooden ramp with an aluminum one; ordered historically correct shutters from Beech River Mill, and completed the exterior painting, three coats! Bravo!!!! Vote of thanks, unanimous!!

Frank made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 pm, seconded by Bob. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Next meeting will be August 26, 2020 at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Monroe, chair