

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. Sarah Wiggin, Deputy Town Clerk opened the meeting and was present to help as needed. Lynne Monroe hosted the meeting with her email and phone 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: Chair, Lynne Monroe, Secretary, Elaine Kaczmarek, Treasurer, Bob Gustafson, Conservation Commission Representative; Steven Mallory, Bob Solomon, Selectmen's Representative and Mike Schwotzer, Planning Board Representative; Alternate Member: Frank Whittemore

Absent: Regular Members: Alan Tuthill, Alternates: Ben Cole and Lorraine O'Keefe

Call to order at 6:34 PM

Minutes review from 7/22/20 meeting

Mike Schwotzer made a motion to accept the minutes Bob Gustafson seconded. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Members

Lorraine O'Keefe emailed that she needed to resign from the commission as she would be out of town a lot and busy building a new house. Lorraine is an alternate serving a one-year term. Bob Solomon pointed out that as the ad hoc positions were separate from the regular membership, his term as a regular member serving a two-year term should be filled, so there are two open positions on the board. Suggestion to put the word out on Kensington Connects, Community News, the Historical Society.

OLD BUSINESS

Universalist Church

Suggestion to communicate with Ben Cole.

Farm Equipment

Frank Whittemore reported that The Evans would be visiting on August 28th and the Historical Society would be hosting an outdoor wine and cheese gathering in Alan Tuthill's barnyard. All are invited to see the barn and discuss the project. Some conversation ensued about the possibilities for a museum in Kensington and the suggestion was made that the Selectmen form a committee to revisit the Plan NH Charrette ideas and discuss changes in the town center. Action: Bob Solomon offered to approach the Selectmen about creating a committee.

The Library

Elaine Kaczmarek reported that the Library Trustees would discuss accepting the offer of a bronze National Register plaque on September 2nd.

The Congregational Church

Lynne Monroe presented a draft of a document commending the Church for their recent efforts to preserve the building, including obtaining NH State Register listing, commissioning an excellent paint job and historically accurate new blinds. The commission voted unanimously to make the commendation, and Lynne will fix it up for presentation to the Church. A suggestion was made that the commission create a program of awards/commendations for stewardship efforts of other historic buildings in town. The feeling was positive, but no details were discussed. No Action at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Dingman Property on South Road

Steven Mallory expressed concern that the large tract of land seemed to be going to development and as there is an 18th century house on it asked if there was any protection being discussed. Bob Gustafson reported on efforts of the Conservation Commission and Mike Schwotzer the Planning Board. The Heritage Commission is concerned as open farmland is one of the principal character defining features of Kensington and supports the efforts of the Conservation Commission and SELT. No Action at this time.

Carl Rezendes Property on Moulton Ridge

Steven Mallory asked if we knew the future of Carl's property as it is a significant historic property. Frank Whittemore said that he believed that Carl's sister, Mary was using it as a retreat for herself. The suggestion was made that the Heritage Commission meet informally with her to discuss this and thoughts on the Universalist Church. No Action at this time.

Frank Whittemore made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm, seconded by Bob Gustafson. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Kaczmarek, secretary
Lynne Monroe, chair