

Kensington Heritage Commission Meeting

May 16, 2019

Minutes – **DRAFT**

In Attendance:

Present: Regular Members: Lynne Monroe, chair, Bob Gustafson, Bob Solomon, treasurer
Alternate Members: Frank Whittemore, Elaine Kaczmarek, Lorraine O’Keefe

Absent: Regular Members: Meaghan Gross, secretary, Steven Mallory

Alternates: Ben Cole

Ex-officio: Joe Pace, Selectmen’s Representative, Planning Board Representative

Call to order at 7:18

As there was not a quorum of regular members, alternates Frank Whittemore and Elaine Kaczmarek were appointed to serve as regular members for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes:

Frank Whittemore moved and Bob Solomon seconded to approve the minutes from the April 16 meeting. Approved unanimously.

Procedural Rules:

Draft Procedural Rules were reviewed. Bob Solomon moved and Bob Gustafson seconded to adopt the Procedural Rules. Approved unanimously.

Website

There will be a Heritage Commission page on the town website. Possibility of a separate Heritage Commission website to be discussed at later date.

Action: Ben Cole will talk about this possibility. Still Pending.

Tribute to Carl Rezendes

Draft of the letter written by Lynne Monroe and Elaine Kaczmarek was reviewed and approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

New Members

One person has come forward to join the Commission, Alan Tuthill. Frank Whittemore moved to accept his application and Elaine Kaczmarek seconded to accept his application, approved unanimously. We have not received the name of who has been appointed by the Planning Board.

Action: Lynne Monroe will forward the name and question to the Selectmen.

Tribute to Carl Rezendes

Discussion: What is the best way to publicize it? Lynne Monroe called Pam Schwotzer immediately to see if it could be included in the current issue of Community News, but it was already at the printer. Suggestion to send it as a letter from the Heritage Commission to the editor of the Exeter Newsletter, and possibly contact Kathleen Bailey to do an article. Elaine

Kaczmarek moved and Bob Gustafson seconded to post the letter and send it to the Exeter Newsletter, approved unanimously.

Action: Lynne Monroe will send it to the Exeter Newsletter and ask Kathy Felch to have it posted on the Heritage Commission website.

Preservation Easements

Discussion: Elaine Kaczmarek has finalized the easement on her parents' house at Prescott Corners. She said that there is also an easement in progress on the other Prescott house where she lives. The surrounding land is in conservation easement with SELT. The easement is held by the NH Preservation Alliance. She described the process and was affirmative about the experience. The board was very interested and asked many questions. Bob Solomon was concerned about issues that might be in conflict with the Planning Board, in particular the new auxiliary dwelling ordinance. Lynne Monroe suggested that the Preservation Alliance might be willing to come to Kensington and talk about the easement process, but it might be best to wait until the second easement is in place and have a celebration for the accomplishment to encourage others in town. In the meantime, the NHPA website has information that can answer questions.

Action: Bob Gustafson will check out the NHPA website.

Link: <https://nhpreservation.org/community-landmarks-easements>

Barn Easements

Discussion: There was general discussion wishing to understand the Barn Easement program better. The Town website has some general information:

<https://www.town.kensington.nh.us/assessors-office/pages/helpful-information>

And a sample application:

https://www.town.kensington.nh.us/sites/kensingtonnh/files/uploads/easment_agreement_0.pdf

Consensus that we should find out more for the next meeting.

Action: Lynne Monroe will ask Kathy Felch about the program in Kensington for next meeting.

Cemetery at the Universalist Church and the Church

Discussion: Elaine has been contacted and asked about the age and ownership of the cemetery. No one seemed to know for sure.

Action: Elaine Kaczmarek will ask Kathy Felch and Harold Bragg; Lynne Monroe will ask Ben Cole to update us on how his efforts with the building are going.

Plan NH

Discussion: No one was aware of what was currently happening with the information that was developed by the Charrette Process. Everyone agreed that the Heritage Commission should be part of the conversation if one was ongoing.

Action: Lynne Monroe will contact Robin LeBlanc to see if a book had been given to the town. She will also contact Joe Pace to see if we need to get on the Selectmen's agenda to ask to be appointed to a committee or something.

At 8:17 Frank Whittemore made the motion to adjourn and Bob Gustafson seconded, approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be June 20th.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Emerson Monroe

