

Kensington Heritage Commission Meeting

July 18, 2019

Minutes – **DRAFT**

In Attendance:

Present: Regular Members: Lynne Monroe, chair, Meghan Gross, secretary, Bob Solomon, treasurer, Bob Gustafson, and Steven Mallory

Alternate Members: Elaine Kaczmarek, Frank Whittemore, Lorraine O'Keefe

New member: Alan Tuthill

Absent: Alternates: Ben Cole

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

Call to order at 7:16 PM

There was a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes:

Steven Mallory moved and Bob Gustafson seconded to approve the minutes from the June 20 meeting. Approved unanimously.

Report on Carl Rezendes Letter:

Lynne sent the piece that the Commission had drafted to Exeter News-Letter as a Letter to the Editor, but they did not print it in full. Instead, the News-Letter wrote an article with pictures of four members of the Commission that had a different character than the tribute it was intended to be. Because he is no longer in Town, we do not know if Carl was able to read the article. The Commission wishes to make the tribute more official. It will be posted in Community News for the fall issue. Lynne sent a link to a copy of Community News with an article about Carl and his move to Kensington.

Action: Lynne will resend the tribute letter to the Exeter News-Letter asking that it be printed. She will make a "fancier" copy of the letter for Commission members to sign and possibly frame it or make it into a scroll. She will find out Carl's contact information and forward the tribute accordingly.

New Members:

Alan Tuthill went to the Town Hall to be sworn in, but did not have the approval from the Selectmen.

Action: Lynne will ask Kathy to put it on the Selectmen's agenda and Alan will make another try. She will also ask that the Planning Board appoint an ad hoc member.

Website:

We have no new information on the website until Ben Cole returns.. Heritage Commission needs to have a Facebook page and to be on Kensington Connects.

Action: Lynne will work on Facebook page and consult with members before posting. Separate website to be tabled again until Ben can assist.

Universalist Church:

Lynne spoke with Harold Bragg, Katherine Tuthill and Peter Sawyer who have been working with Ben Cole about the concern as to what could happen with the Church. They are trying to get documents in place to have Carl Rezendes sign over the property to a 501c3. Lynne suggests a Universalist Church working session with Ben, Harold, and maybe Peter to discuss how the Heritage Commission can assist. Alan Tuthill wondered if the roof is truly leaking. Frank answered in the negative, but no water damage is visible. Roof is likely 30 years old or more, but Steven Mallory stated that real asphalt roofs have a much longer life than newer roofs, so the roof may be OK for now. If a leak is found, we will take immediate measures to protect the building. A conditions assessment was reportedly completed by an architect, but no one knows where that is. Carl or Alan Lewis may have it. Jesse, who is currently working on Elaine's barn at the Hilliard Prescott House, might be a good contractor to work on the timber framing at the Church.

Action: Frank and Alan and Steven will check out the possibility of a leak. Further discussion is tabled until Ben Cole returns at the August meeting.

State Highway Marker, Incident at Exeter:

Lynne sent a link to an article in Community News about the UFO Incident in Exeter in the 1960s. There is already a Marker in Lincoln that commemorates a similar incident and this would make a good story. Another marker about Kensington would be good in the center of Town in front of the Parking Lot.

The Heritage Commission would write text and apply to the NHDHR to be approved for two highway markers, one about Kensington and one about the "Incident at Exeter" to be located in front of the house where it happened on Route 150.

Action: Lynne will distribute information on Markers and how to apply and perhaps call a working session to write text and discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Working with Rec and Social Committee:

Meghan Gross spoke with the Rec and Social Committee about being a liaison for the Heritage Commission. They meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Meghan will not be able to attend their August meeting, but will attend September Rec and Social Committee meeting to become the official liaison.

Action: The Commission endorsed Meghan as a representative to the Rec and Social Committee and she will attend their meeting in September.

Trails Committee:

Trails are not a primary issue for the Heritage Commission, but many are historic and involve the Town Center, so they are of interest. A Trails Committee has not yet been approved by the Selectmen. When they do, the Heritage Commission may appoint a liaison to the Trails Committee.

Action: No action needed.

Library Addition: There is no news on the library addition. Steven Mallory suggested a potential architect to Elaine Kaczmarek, who is the chair of the Social Library.

Charette: Several members of the Heritage Commission were active in creating the Plan NH Charette, and are interested in furthering the work that was begun on that weekend. No one knows if the official book/report was ever delivered to the town.

Action: Lynne will call Plan NH again and ask about the report.

At 8:14 Lynne Monroe called for a motion to adjourn; Frank Whittemore made a motion, and Steven Mallory seconded. Approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be August 15.

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Gross, secretary
Lynne Monroe, chair