

Hampton Heritage Commission Draft Meeting Minutes 9/02/21

Call to order 6: 00 P.M. by Chair Jim Metcalf with a salute to the flag.

Members Present:

Ann Carnaby

Christine Bushway

Jim Metcalf

Erica de Vries

No public citizens were present at the meeting.

Jim Metcalf updated the members about an email from Regina Barnes regarding the current disrepair of the town's historical blacksmith shop. Complaints have been received regarding its safety and need for extensive repairs. A meeting with Conservation Commission Director Hale to discuss is suggested. Suggestion made to charge users of the Victory Garden for help with repair costs. It was noted that the DPW cannot take on more work at this time due to not having staffing to do the work.

Jim Metcalf introduced an idea that moving the blacksmith shop to the Historical Society property could be a solution to the issue. Ann Carnaby points out that it was moved to Barbour Rd by the DPW several years ago and that should be looked at. Erica de Vries stated that it's the property of the town not the Heritage Commission. Ann Carnaby states that it is however in the Commissions prevue.

Jim Metcalf advises that there was a warrant article approved for \$25,000 for repairs but it has now expired. This amount would be merely enough to keep the building from falling down.

Jim Metcalf updates on NHDOT agreement regarding the Underwood Bridge and that the Heritage Commission has been removed as a signatory to the agreement due to a lack of an action item from the Commission. Response was "tell us what artifact you want and be prepared to take it." The bridge plaque will be saved and Jim Metcalf will draft a letter that the Heritage Commission wishes to remain a consulting partner and that we remain interested in the documentation.

Christine Bushway updated regarding the publicity and promotion of the Building Historical Marker program. Press releases regarding the program have been sent to the Hampton Union and the Portsmouth Herald but have not appeared thus far. She will resend the release. The Hampton library has received the poster and packets for the program and will distribute.

Discussion regarding town owned historic structures was deferred till the next meeting for address by Member Regina Barnes.

Motion to adjourn and seconded. Meeting adjourned.