

Hampton Heritage Commission
Meeting Minutes 5 September 2019

Call to Order 6 P.M. at Hampton Board of Selectmen Meeting Room, Hampton Town Hall

Salute the Flag

Members Present:

Christine Bushway

Jim Metcalf

Ann Carnaby

John Wrobel

Members Absent:

Mary Louise Woolsey

Citizen Present:

Gary Patton

Alternates to Commission

The Commission discussed that up to 5 alternates, if approved by the Commission, can be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for Approval. Christine Bushway motioned for Gary Patton as an alternate. Mr. Patton is a self-described "long-time newcomer to Hampton" with 23+ years as a resident and an author of two books about New Hampshire. Jim Metcalf seconded. Unanimously approved 4-0.

Jim Metcalf motioned for Lisa Grashaw as an alternate. Ann Carnaby seconded. Unanimously approved 4-0.

Historic Building Marker Program Update

The current goal of the program is to provide homeowner/building owner pride of place. The cost of the historic markers is on hold pending update report from Mary Louise Wolsey. Discussion was held on criteria to determine eligibility. Further development will be discussed at subsequent meetings.

Heritage Commission and Hampton Master Plan

Ann Carnaby indicated that the Heritage Commission may be asked to participate in Master Plan development. For example, a list of historical properties could be included. She also provided information on grants that have been received to work on the coastal waterways portion of the Master Plan.

Rules of Procedure

Ann Carnaby will provide members copies of the previous Heritage Commission's Rules of Procedure. She will present a draft set of Rules of Procedure for the current commission for development in future meetings.

NH Historic Roadway Marker Program

John Wrobel proposed an idea to the commission to evaluate the possibility of obtaining historic markers for historical locations in Hampton. Discussion ensued relative to possible locations such as the Beach Casino and hay making sites along Route One.

Hampton Historical Society Funds

Jim Metcalf discussed the availability of \$3000 that the Hampton Historical Society had collected for preservation of the dam at the former grist mill. Since the preservation and repairs have been made by the town, the funds can possibly be made available to the Hampton Heritage Commission. This is the desire of the Hampton Historical Society. Mr. Metcalf will discuss this with the Town of Hampton financial points of contact as well as the explore the mechanism to involve the Board of Selectmen.

Newspaper Articles from Hampton Union

For many years there have been articles published in the Hampton Union. Jim Metcalf will investigate where these articles and columns are archived. Discussion will be held at future meetings about possibilities to re-issue these articles in various electronic social media, e.g. Facebook or similar.

Future Meetings

Meeting schedule for the next several months: 10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 2/6, and 3/5. All will be held at 6:00 P.M. in the Selectmen Meeting Room except for 10/3, which will be in the Manager's Conference Room.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from July 2019 were approved without edits. Jim Metcalf motioned for approval; Ann Carnaby seconded. Unanimously approved 4-0.

New Business

Historic District Designations: Discussions were held on possible Historic District Designations which has zoning implications and requires coordination of any recommendations with the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, etc. Possible area discussed was Founders Park on Park Avenue. Further Discussion will be considered at future meetings.

Discussions were held on potential activities at the former grist mill and an old black smith shop.

Ann Carnaby will invite the former chair of the former Heritage Commission to a future meeting to gather insights about previous commission efforts.

Adjourning

Ann Carnaby motions to adjourn at 7:23 P.M.; Jim Metcalf seconds. Unanimously approved 4-0.