

Peterborough Heritage Commission  
**DRAFT Minutes**  
May 14, 2015

**Present:** Bruce Batten, Richard Estes, Mose Olenik, Peggy Shaughnessy, Melissa Stephenson  
**Absent:** Debbie Kaiser, Sheila Kirkpatrick

The meeting opened at 5:30 p.m

**I. Approval of 4/9/2015 minutes**

Mose moved to accept the April minutes. Bruce Batten seconded. All approved.

**Action Item:** Melissa to send to Vanessa at Town House

**II. Town Meeting Update**

The Heritage Commission was well-represented at Town Meeting and attendance was great, despite low voter attendance the previous day.

Important points were made regarding the GAR parking lot maintenance and costs. It was pointed out that there was no provision for ensuring that business employees park in the lot.

**III. Update on last Planning Board Meeting: Mr Mike Renovations**

There was discussion regarding the “strip development” nature along 202 just south of the intersection with Route 1010 that the proposed changes will significantly impact.

It was generally agreed that the Heritage Commission will encourage as much salvaging as possible should the residencies on either side of the gas station be demolished.

It was noted that flood plain encroachments require a zoning variance. The developers will return to the Planning Board with alternatives that take the flood plain laws into accordance. The ratio of green to pavement and any mitigation laws included in the ordinances be upheld.

**IV. Review of Kim Peck's event and future photographic displays**

The photographic display and the reception for Kim Peck, the photographer, has been well-received and provided visibility for the Heritage Commission as an active, participating, town committee.

The Commission discussed a “special places” display contest which would invite Peterborough constituents to submit photos for inclusion. The details about selection procedures, a judging panel and possible prize awards were discussed. It was noted that the Heritage Commission is looking for a photograph for use on its printed material.

Mose is willing to spearhead this project but noted she will be away from June 5 - July 9th. It was generally agreed that September timing is ideal for this.

Dick Estes could provide photos for an intermediate display but would need assistance with framing which Mose has provided. Kim Peck photos will remain on display through June.

## **V. NH Division of Historic Resources 5-Year Plan Presentation**

The meeting with the NHDHR was inspiring and informative. Several good action steps emerged for PHC:

1- Host a summit in Peterborough with representatives from Heritage Commission members across the state

**Action Item:** Melissa will research regional heritage committees and compile a list of contact information for further communication efforts.

2- Initiate a group meeting of the various town committees and commission for general purposes of establishing further community and thresholds of collective wisdom within Peterborough

3-Estes suggested reactivating the Contoocook Greenway Association.

## **VI. Membership**

Names of alternates to the PHC were brought forward.

**Action Item:** Peggy Shaunessey will contact Tracy Messer regarding his interest in becoming an alternate.

## **VII. Review of Master Plan Chapter 12**

It was agreed to keep this item on the June agenda and suggested that all commission members review Chapter 12 of Peterborough's Master Plan.

## **VIII. Other Projects**

Discussion regarding subjects for articles on topics of historical interest followed.

A house on Grove Street that was moved from School Street was mentioned, as was the early history of the Folkway (originally to be called Function Junction) beginnings.

**Action Item:** Peggy will follow up with research on the Grove Street house.

**Action Item:** Melissa to contact Joey DeMartelly, one of the original Folkway owners along with Jonathan and Widdie Hall, and others (Dick Nevell, Danny Thibeault) to see if there is an untold story of interest there.

Bruce gave a interesting update on Peterborough's South Fort.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Stephenson