

Peterborough Heritage Commission

Approved Minutes

September 14, 2017 5:30 p.m.

Present: Bruce Batten; Richard Estes; Debby Kaiser; Mose Olenik; Tina Rapp; Peggy Shaughnessy; Melissa Stephenson; Doug Ward; Tyler Ward, *Select board liaison*

Also Present: Jamie Trowbridge, *Peterborough Resident and MacDowell Board of Directors*; David Macy, *Resident Director of the McDowell Colony*

Peggy Shaughnessy opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Union Street McDowell Colony Property

David Macy, Resident Director of the McDowell Colony gave a brief overview of the history of the MacDowell's Union Street building and how MacDowell tried to find a program to inhabit the building. In poor condition to begin with, the house has been vandalized and extensive renovations estimates are costly.

Discussion followed regarding the Colony's future plans for the property itself which extends across the street to the swamp.

Salvaging of other now-demolished buildings in towns was mentioned and Macy indicated he is open to possibilities and suggestions.

Debby Kaiser suggested MacDowell start with an application for demolition permit, allowing the Commission sufficient time to review it and decide whether or not to invoke the full review process. A question came up regarding the length of time a permit is valid.

Macy noted he is developing the Colony budget for 2018.

Motion: Debby Kaiser moved that the PHC support the understanding to salvage as much as possible from the MacDowell Union Street building.

Doug Ward seconded

All agreed and the motion passed.

Discussion followed as to whether or not a future demolition on this property requires a public hearing.

Mose Olenik noted that it was just circumstance that this demolition falls right after the River Center tear-down. She suggested an article be written about the building in its heyday to let the town know that demolition is in the works.

Peggy S. will ask Michelle from the MCHC about material pertaining to the building on file and Debby Kaiser will organize the information.

Whether or not the plans for this building are publicized remain undetermined at this time.

Tyler Ward thanked Macy and Trowbridge for bringing their plans to the PHC attention prior to going to the town.

Macy and Trowbridge left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

GAR Hall

Peggy noted that the owners of the GAR Hall are requesting changes in the plans to accommodate insulation and roof work that would affect the easement.

A joint meeting with the selectmen and Erika Rosenfeld to discuss roof construction was scheduled for September 15 at 2:00 p.m. Minutes of this meeting have been filed separately.

Upcoming Camerata Photography Exhibit

“Peterborough as Muse” is the theme for the next photography exhibit. Mose may need to buy mat board with PHC funds in order to mount the show. Camarata members will produce and submit their own prints.

The PHC will host a reception in the Town Hall on the First Friday, October 6th at 5:00 p.m. Mose will draft and copy all members on the press release announcement.

Mose received an email from Conval art teacher Amanda Bastoni who has a student project in mind. Mose will email Amanda to discuss the time frame for this.

PHC Membership

The Commissioners regretfully accepted Mose's resignation from the Commission and thanked her for many years of service. She has offered to assist with future photography exhibits and help with the Centennial anniversary historic exhibit as her travel plans allow.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Stephenson, Peterborough Heritage Commission

The next meeting of the PHC is Thursday, October 12th at 5:30 p.m. Peterborough Town Hall