

Peterborough Heritage Commission
Approved Minutes
November 13, 2014

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

The meeting opened at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item I. Peterborough APP Tour

- Tracy Messer did not reply to Peggy in time to schedule an informational session with the commission at the October meeting.

Action Item: Peggy will be in touch with Tracy prior to the December meeting.

Agenda Item II. Updates on GAR and Downtown Bridge

- Updates on the river frontage/parking topography by the GAR building were reviewed.
- Peggy reported on her meeting with Rodney Bartlett regarding same.
- Discussion of the Keyes-Sage House ensued. Ideas for its future use were briefly discussed.

Action Item: Debbie Kaiser will ask for input from David Weir regarding the history of the preserving of this structure.

- A question regarding the future non-conforming Fairpoint Communications lot arose.
- Questions also arose regarding the repair of the Main Street bridge, the original, and the replacement stones, costs, etc.
- It was noted that the same architect will be used for both the Main Street and Grove Street footbridge designs.

Action Item: Peggy will attend future select board meetings.

Action Item: Peggy will contact Sharon Monahan about her observations and concerns voiced at the town meeting; including protected waterways, wetlands scientists' findings, storm water run-off, etc. Shoreline Protection Act, natural buffers, etc.

Agenda Item II. Demolition Committee

- Debbie Kaiser noted the Demolition sub-committee (Matt Waitkins, David Squier, Sheila Kirkpatrick, and Debbie Kaiser) visited Richard Jordan's site on Taggart Lane. Jordan's permit goes before the Planning Board next month. The commission generally agreed that this is not a building to be saved.

Agenda Item III. New Business

- Melissa moved that the Commission join the NH Preservation Alliance. Bruce Batten seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Action Item: Peggy to take the NHPA membership application to the Town House for submission along with the \$50.00 annual dues.

Agenda Item IV. Old Business

- Contacting Heritage Commissioners in surrounding towns for friendly exchange of information, ideas, and general procedures.
(This item has been tabled until the December meeting.)

Action Item: It was suggested that commission members take a look at other towns' heritage committee's websites.

- Charge and Powers of Heritage Commission, Mission Statement
Discussion regarding the need for review and clarification of the PHC mission statement followed.

Action Items: Sheila Kirkpatrick to email commission members the "old" Peterborough Heritage Commission mission statement. Peggy will include this as an agenda item for discussion at the December meeting.

Melissa will include the approved mission statement on future minutes.

Agenda Item V. Approval of October 2014 Minutes

- Mose moved that the October 2014 minutes be approved, Bruce seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Action Item: Melissa to send copy of approved minutes to Betsy Rode at the Town House

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Stephenson