

Peterborough Heritage Commission
Minutes December 11, 2014

Present: Peggy Shaughnessy, Bruce Batten, Mose Olenik, and Tyler Ward SelectBoard liaison

Guests: Tracy Messer, Corinne Chronopoulos

Members toured the new photography exhibit. Mose suggested that the exhibit stay up at least until the end of February. Peggy reported that Sheila Kirkpatrick has agreed to find out the timing for the exhibit by Kim Peck. There will be an “appreciation” reception towards the end of the exhibit. Mose asked that we thank Francie Von Mertens when we see her for the time she spent coordinating with the photographers and printing the photos.

Tracy Messer, who created the Walking Tour of Peterborough, gave an overview of the project. He gave some background about the incentive to do the project around the celebration of the 275 Anniversary, 75th Anniversary of “Our Town” and upcoming centennial of the Townhouse.

The scope of the project included 175 points of interest and he had clocked 800 hours of his own time to do it. The tour map was done through a company called Toursphere and cost the town \$2300 for the year. There are links and interactive pages to veterans, cemeteries, Thornton Wilder Foundation, archive.org and others.

Next steps would include expanding the number of photos on the current tour, the possibility of a 3D digital version, the inclusion of audio narrative.

Corrine Chronopoulos, Director of the Peterborough Library gave an update about the redevelopment project. A committee including members of the 1833 Society, public and town representatives have been meeting with the architects of Centerline Architects, who are proceeding with plans for the expansion. She gave an overview of the campus including the building itself the pedestrian path and bridge, parking and the Kyes Sage house. They hope to have a model by June.

She also reassured us that the KyesSage house would be preserved and remain at its current location. Its use and internal remodel (some of it necessary) have yet to be determined. She ask us to think also about ideas for this project and also ideas for funding it as it will be a separate project.

Due to late hour, it was decided by present members to discuss and review our mission statement at our next Heritage Commission meeting when more members are present.

Respectfully submitted,

Mose Olenik and Peggy Shaughnessy