

Peterborough Heritage Commission

APPROVED Minutes

November 8, 2018

Present: Tina Rapp; Peggy Shaughnessy; Melissa Stephenson; Peggy Van Valkenburgh; Tyler Ward, *Select board liaison*

Doug Ward arrived shortly after 6:00 p.m.

Absent: Debbie Kaiser

Also Present:

Jason Pellettieri, Biology Professor, KSC, invited by Tyler Ward and Doug Ward to attend the meeting as a potential member of the Demolition Committee

Brenda Berry, Peterborough resident (3 River Street) arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Henry Taves, Peterborough resident (Goyette Building, Elm Street)

Elle King, property owner at Nubanusit Lane

The meeting opened promptly at 6:00 p.m.

New Business

David Macy acquired a 32" x 34" painting of the Town House by Jeffrey King Levey 1904-1997 and requested its display in the Town House in time for the Centennial celebration.

Discussion followed and the commission agreed to this request.

Demolition Committee

- The Demolition Committee consists of Debbie Kaiser, Doug Ward, Tyler Ward, Melissa Stephenson, Matt Waitkin and David Squier.
- Doug Ward led a brief discussion about the process of reviewing a permit and allowing time during the process to document any buildings under consideration for demolition.
- The permit fee (presently \$50.00) goes into Community Development Fund.

Motion:

A motion was made to nominate Jason Pelletiteri as a member of the demolition committee.

Tina Rapp seconded.

All were in favor and the Commission welcomed Jason to the committee.

Woodman Property

- All buildings on the property are to be razed.
- Discussion concerning saving the house and incorporating it into the development design ensued.
- It was noted that some affordable housing would be lost with the demise of the house which consists of apartments.
- A rotation of members of the Heritage Commission are planned to be present at future Peterborough board meetings.
- Next meetings are scheduled for Tuesday 13th at 6:30 pm when the traditional Overlay Zone One, discouraging the demolition and encouraging adaptive reuse, is on the agenda, and a Planning Board meeting on November 19th.

Veterans' Day Celebration at Town House

- Sunday, November 11th. Arrival at 9:30 for set-up.
- Brief review of the planning for the Heritage Commission's part in the celebrations.

Approval of Minutes of October 2018**Motion:**

Peggy Van Valkenburgh made a motion to approve the October 2018 minutes. Tina Rapp seconded, all approved and the approved minutes will be sent to the town.

Treasurer's Report

Peggy S. reminded members that the Heritage Commission budget is \$1000 yearly.

- Expenses for copying and food for the Centennial Celebration comes out of a separate budget slated for this event.

Annual Membership Monadnock Center

The Monadnock Center for History and Culture upholds the heritage of Peterborough. The majority of the Heritage Commission projects are in conjunction with the MCHC

Motion:

Peggy Van proposed the Heritage Commission renew its membership at the \$500 level. Doug Ward seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Brenda Berry

Brenda spoke about the site of the Old Bell Mill where she owns property at 3 River Street, that holds a two-tier lawn on the precipice of the falls, and half the dam. She

summarized her research and the history of the dam, originally built in 1751 as a saw and grist mill.

She requested guidance as to how to preserve the dam and the Bell Mill factory foundations. The commission was able to suggest:

- State and National Registries of Historic Places
 - NH Department of Historic Resources
 - NH Preservation Alliance
 - Office of Peter Throop that holds any archives of Duffy Monahan's research on this property.
 - Town website for past minutes from Heritage Commission regarding the property.
- Discussion followed re: Historic assessment for the bridge; Transcript Dam; Town support for the Bell Mill dam; Hydrology issues; the existence of a second dam under the bridge

At 6:50 p.m. Elle King joined the meeting. Elle's father was Ken King who owned the dam prior to its present owners. Elle is owner of property on Nubanusit Lane.

- Elle gave an historic description of the dam and the Berry site
- Tyler Ward suggested Elle place her house on the state historic register

Tour of McGreal Home Review

- Peggy Shaughnessy is in conversation with the town manager as to the Heritage Commissioners' thoughts about this property.
- It was noted that there are use restrictions on the barn, limiting it primarily to conservation education.
- Peggy Van Valkenburgh suggested brainstorming different uses for the barn at a future meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Stephenson, *Secretary, Peterborough Heritage Commission*

The next meeting of the Peterborough Heritage Commission is Thursday, December 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m.