

Peterborough Heritage Commission  
Approved Minutes  
September 8, 2016

**Present:** Peggy Shaunessy, Bruce Batten, Dick Estes, Debby Kaiser, Doug Ward, Tyler Ward, Selectman liaison

**Absent:** Sheila Kirkpatrick, Alternate; Mose Olenik, Melissa Stephenson

The meeting was called to order at 5:35

**I. Report on Select Board meeting and update on GAR Hall/preservation easement**

Tyler explained that Rodney Bartlett announced that, after many discussions with new prospective buyers, Stan Fry and Cy Gregg withdrew their P&S offer in favor of the Erika Rosenfeld and Jeff Odland of Post and Beam Brewery offer.

Post and Beam Brewery will use the existing structure (including the wooden addition) as a tap house and brewery. Erika spoke enthusiastically to Rodney about the potential of the historic structure in its imposing setting and is eager to show the PHC her plans. The Select Board approved the project and hopes for quick finalization.

Tyler reported that the Heritage Commission's present draft for the GAR Preservation Easement has been given to the Post and Beam Brewery attorney for review.

The committee agreed that various points in the template easement may have to be modified to fit the PBB needs.

**Motion:**

Bruce Batten moved that the easement take effect immediately upon execution of the sale, with the new owners named as Grantors. The HC approved unanimously.

Tyler will organize a framed old postcard of the Hall to present the new owners in recognition of their preservation efforts.

Rodney has made contact with Jennifer Goodman at the Preservation Alliance about costs of the NHPA holding the easement. Tyler suggested that the Duffy and Rick Monahon Fund might be able to help with initial funding for this. Debby will find out who to contact at the Fund.

**II. New Business**

Tyler mentioned that neighbors of Shieling Forest (Tina Rapp, Donna and Vincent Fittante, and Christine and Shaun Walsh) are concerned about the derelict condition of Elizabeth Yates McGreel's house. Debby will contact former caretaker Steve Roberge about possible contacts to arrange a walk through of the house.

### **III. Report on current photo display and reception**

Debby, Dick and Doug reported that though there were not a lot of visitors at the opening of our present photo exhibit, *Look Closer*; there was much positive feedback. It was speculated that the earlier time might have played a role in the low attendance.

### **IV. Photo Exhibit**

Commissioners responded positively to the idea of an exhibit of works by Conval students on regional architectural themes. Mose will contact Amanda Bastoni, Conval art teacher.

### **V. Plan for Mitigating Climate Change**

Revival of Contoocook Valley Greenway: Dick Estes will contact Rodney Bartlett about outreach to other communities regarding the revival of the CVG and to combine efforts to mitigate climate change along the Contoocook River.

July minutes reflect Estes' recognized position as liaison from the PHC.

Dick suggested Joanne Carr would be a likely partner (**WHO will contact her?**) as well as **Woody \_\_\_\_**? Debby suggested Matt Lundsted, a water engineer and member of the Conservation Commission, as another resource.

### **VI. Heritage Commission Certificate of Recognition**

Bruce presented his draft of the certificate to recognize citizens for excellence in renovation and repurposing of historic or important town structures.

#### **Motion:**

Debby moved to accept the text for this certificate as written. The motion passed unanimously.

The first recipient will be Café de Olla, followed by George Achilles for his barn restoration, and Harlow's Pub.

Bruce will send Melissa text digitally.

### **VII. Proposed project**

**To identify the historic inventory of downtown and send out pamphlet/letter to owners of historic buildings/homes outlining the benefits of, and how to be, listed on Historic Register.**

Commissioners agreed that the recent downtown survey would serve to identify potential recipients of such a brochure and that there would be others from the outlying neighborhoods targeted as well.

Debby suggested that it would be politic to make the National Historic Register one of many topics within such a brochure/pamphlet. She passed around a folding brochure from the Keene Heritage Commission (<https://www.ci.keene.nh.us/heritage-commission>) as an example.

Debby will contact the KHC to learn more about their experience.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Kaiser (notetaker) and Melissa Stephenson, Secretary