

Peterborough Heritage Commission

Thursday, September 12, 2019

MINUTES

Present: Debbie Kaiser; Jason Pellettieri; Peggy Shaughnessy; Peggy Van Valkenburgh; Tina Rapp; Karen Kambol, *Heritage Commission candidate*; Nicole MacStay, *Deputy Town Administrator*; A.J. Dupere and Susan Francher, *NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources*; Ben Wilson, *Director of Division of Historical Resources*; Shaun Walsh, *citizen*
Absent: Doug Ward; Tyler Ward, *Select Board liaison*

Peggy Shaughnessy opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

McGreal House

A.J. Dupere, Susan Francher, and Ben Wilson provided information about work planned to rehabilitate the McGreal home. First, a recap was given of work done to date at the Shieling Forest Learning Center and the costs associated with that work (approximately \$350,000).

Discussion ensued regarding the work planned for the McGreal home:

- Phase I of the work to include French drains, clapboard and sill replacements, exterior painting, a new roof, a rebuilt chimney above the roofline, dormer replacement (south side), and gutter replacement. This work to be funded by a combination of Moose Plate funds and monies from the Shieling trust, which trustees have agreed to use on the McGreal home. Drainage work hoped to take place this fall with remaining work in the spring.
- Phase II of the work to include work on the interior, which is TBD based on the most appropriate use of the house, which is still being considered.
- Total cost for Phase I and Phase II roughly estimated at \$250,000-\$350,000.

Further discussion followed with these highlights:

- Communications with the Peterborough community about work on the house to be handled by public information officer Shelley Angers. Peggy S to stay in touch with Susan Francher re: the timing of these communications.
- The state is exploring the best use for the building. Those plans are not available to the public at this time. A public hearing will be held in the future for community input on usage plans. Heritage commission was encouraged to write the commissioner of Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (Sarah Stewart) with any ideas they may have for the building usage.
- Ben Wilson recounted some of the historical and architectural significance of the building. He also discussed the SCRAP program, a public participation program for architectural research and how Shieling Forest may be used in conjunction with this program.
- Results of recent testing confirmed lead and asbestos on the site. Lead remediation estimated at \$75,000, which is not seen as feasible from a spending perspective.

Peak Into Peterborough

The Town House will be open for people to visit the photo exhibit in the lobby area on October 19. Peggy S to reach out to see who can staff exhibit that day and will re-send information to Pelagia Vincent for PR. Refreshments were suggested and all were in favor of HC purchasing refreshments and paper products for visitors.

Demolition Review Sub-Committee

A meeting was held with a focus on the Concord Street/Woodman's Florist property. Discussion also included properties in the town gateway areas.

Logo

We discussed the use of a historical line image that represents the Peterborough townscape. Peggy S. to try and locate the image at the Monadnock Center for the commission members to review.

Preservation Alliance Annual Membership

Annual membership of \$60.00 was paid to NH Preservation Alliance in August by Peggy S. Receipt will be given to Peggy Van, Treasurer, for reimbursement.

Move to adjourn at 7:00

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Rapp

The next meeting of the Peterborough Heritage Commission is Thursday, October 10, 2019, 6:00 p.m.