

Hampton Heritage Commission

Draft Meeting Minutes 4/20/2021

The Chairman of the Hampton Heritage Commission determined that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, that to properly ensure the safety of the public and that of several of the Board members who are within the CDC guidelines needing to take special precautions, this public body was authorized to meet electronically. Please note there was no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, the Chairman confirmed: We were utilizing a teleconference service for the electronic Meeting. All members of the Board had the ability to communicate contemporaneously during the meeting through the proposed platform, and the public could join the electronic meeting by joining the Zoom meeting with meeting ID # 8618948600

Call to order 6:02 P.M.

Virtual salute to flag was conducted by Chair Jim Metcalf.

Members Present:

Ann Carnaby (at home alone)

Christine Bushway (at home alone)

Regina Barnes (at home alone)

Jim Metcalf (at home alone)

John Wrobel (at home alone)

Public citizens were present at the electronic meeting: Nancy Stiles, 1 Hayden Circle, Hampton, NH.

Approval of meeting minutes for 3/16/2021:

Jim Metcalf discussed some difficulties encountered in posting of minutes due to email issues with some correspondence being identified in junk mail folders. Ann Carnaby questioned portions of meeting minutes relative to new Business and subsequent commission vote to have the Chair contact DOT regarding including the Hampton Heritage Commission as a consulting party regarding the NHDOT project to replace the Underwood Bridge. John Wrobel briefly summarized the conversation the Commission had on that topic. John Wrobel moved to approve the meeting minutes; Christine Bushway seconded; Ann Carnaby, Jim Metcalf, Christine Bushway, John Wrobel voted yay, with Regina Barnes abstaining.

Correspondence

Jim Metcalf identified 3 pieces of correspondence from NHDOT. One correspondence was an alert memo from DOT announcing the Underwood Bridge replacement public Zoom meeting. One correspondence was an alert memo from DOT announcing a Route 1A road work public Zoom meeting. The third correspondence was a memo from DOT announcing publication of the Environmental

Assessment (EA) for the replacement of the Underwood Bridge, announcing the public comment period of 30 days, March 24, 2021 through April 23, 2021.

Historic Building Markers Project

Christine Bushway discussed the publicity article on the Historic Marker Program and suggested that Commission members continue to work with various avenues to have packets available for the public to support participation in the program. The avenues included: Hampton Public Library, Hampton Town Hall, Hampton Historical Society, and online internet locations.

Nancy Stiles, member of the public, expressed interest and support of the program as an educational tool for tourists and residents.

Jim Metcalf discussed receipt of a recent application from **Tucker Toppan/Olivia Loy** regarding an 1820 property on 80 North Shore Road. He had checked Hampton property records previously provided by Ann Carnaby and determined the property was constructed in 1820. Jim Metcalf indicated that the property meets the Commission criteria for a historic marker and there were no objections made by Commission members. He also indicated that the applicant had enclosed a check for \$62 for the vendor to produce the marker. Ann Carnaby indicated that the amount did not correspond to the current vendor price for the production of a historic marker. Jim Metcalf acknowledged that the applicant may not have used the most recent application form with the current price and he expressed a willingness to donate the difference in cost, approximately \$10. Jim Metcalf will contact the applicant for a possible publicity photograph of the property and marker.

Old Business

Hampton Historical Society Kiosk Program Update: Jim Metcalf provided an update on the Historical Society's ongoing efforts for historic kiosks and markers for Hampton. Several examples were reviewed by Society members on the seacoast as possible selections. Currently, a marker located in Newburyport MA appeared to be an acceptable model. Society members, to include Jim Metcalf, plan on visiting the vendor located in Wakefield, MA, for additional details and costs. Discussions were directed towards Society-provided funds for the Grist Mill (approximately \$3000) and their potential use for historic markers and educational exhibit. Ann Carnaby expressed that markers and kiosks should have a consistent look throughout the town. She also indicated that she knew of a local craftsman who has completed tours of the grist mill and is capable in woodworking crafts that may prove useful to the Commission regarding signage at the Grist Mill. She also indicated that the Commission should look into access to the site, parking etc during the planning of signage at the site.

New Business

Heritage Commission award to a Winnacunnet High School Senior: John Wrobel suggested that, similar to the Conservation Commission's nonmonetary conservation award, that a Heritage Commission nonmonetary award be offered. He suggested that similar to the award he developed and donated to the Conservation Commission be used, a hand-turned pen made from the NH State tree, which is a birch tree. He offered to produce a pen as a donation and expressed willingness to contact the high school about the idea's viability. Jim Metcalf suggested that an honorary membership to the Hampton

Historical Society could accompany the award. Although no vote was taken, there were no dissenting opinions offered by Commission members.

Underwood Bridge Replacement: Jim Metcalf reminded Commission members that the DOT memo stated that comments on the EA on the Underwood Bridge Replacement needed to be received within the 30-day period, ending 23 April 2021. He also discussed a previous MOA signed by DOT indicating the historic engineering significance of the bridge. Ann Carnaby indicated that DOT had proposed several pages of mitigation for the project. A suggestion was made that as part of the mitigation a working model be obtained for display and educational benefit.

Adjourning

Jim Metcalf motioned for adjournment at 7:22 PM. Ann Carnaby seconds the motion. 5-0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Wrobel