

Hampton Heritage Commission

Draft Meeting Minutes 6/9/2021

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 # 82079854976

Call to order 6: 00 P.M.

Virtual salute to flag was conducted by Chair Jim Metcalf.

Members Present:

Ann Carnaby (at home alone)

Christine Bushway (at home alone)

Jim Metcalf (at home alone)

John Wrobel (at home alone)

Members Absent:

Regina Barnes responded with email, unable to attend.

No public citizens were present at the electronic meeting.

Approval of meeting minutes for 4/20/2021. Jim Metcalf explained that draft meeting minutes prepared within 5 days of the previous meeting were not reviewed by the Chair until May 12, 2021 and through his oversight were not posted on the town website until this week. Jim Metcalf moved to approve the meeting minutes which was seconded by Christine Bushway. 4 votes for approval.

Correspondence

No new correspondences for the Commission's attention.

Historic Building Markers Project

There was a general discussion on the publicity article concerning the program with a general acceptance on the article's content and intent. Jim Metcalf spoke to the Hampton Historical Society and indicated that the Society was in agreement with the Commission's application form being made available for interested parties at the Tuck Museum, but not on the Society's web site. Jim Metcalf additionally spoke with Ms. Ostman at Hampton Town Hall and received approval for a location to have

the Commission's application form as well. Christine Bushway reported she met with Amanda at the Town Library and similarly received permission for the Commission's application form to be available at that location. She also indicated that library personnel would be willing to produce informational posters on the historic marker program at no cost. There was a general acceptance to proceed with the library staff's offer to produce posters. Ann Carnaby expressed interest in obtaining copies of the application form for distribution to Town Hall, Library, and Tuck Museum. Jim Metcalf moves to have the publicity article sent for publication at various media outlets. Motion seconded by Ann Carnaby. All members vote yay, accepted, 4-0.

Jim Metcalf provided an update on feedback from historical markers obtained at the Toppin /Lloyd property. He received favorable input on the vendor product received and the property owner will inform the Commission on the installation. Jim Metcalf indicated his recent conversation with the sign vendor, Bob Leonard, and his willingness to attend the marker installation activity wearing period appropriate attire at no cost. The vendor's proposal was positively received by Commission members.

Old Business

Hampton Historical Society Kiosk Program Update: Jim Metcalf provided the Commission with an update from a meeting he attended with the Hampton Historical Society on historical informational kiosks. The Society has made considerable progress in their efforts. Their efforts were seen in a positive light by Commission members and may well serve as a model for the Commission to use for a similar kiosk at the Grist Mill.

Correspondence Process

Jim Metcalf discussed proposed memorandum written by John Wrobel and himself regarding comments on the NEPA/EA for the Underwood Bridge replacement. A copy of the memorandum is attached to these meeting minutes. In coordination of the correspondence prior to the end of the EA comment period conducted via email to individual Commission members, there was no consensus reached. Therefore, the Commission did not provide written comments to NHDOT on the Underwood Bridge replacement EA. John Wrobel discussed issues brought up from members regarding timeliness of the Commission's participation in the EA process, a process which had begun 3 years ago. His experience with and understanding of the NEPA process and law is that comments can be provided on an EA during the public comment period regardless of an organization or individual's past participation or nonparticipation in the scoping or developmental portion of the NEPA process.

John Wrobel further emphasized his opinion on the importance of participating with NHDOT, to preserve some historical evidence of the bridge. Ann Carnaby indicated that the NHDOT had proposed many activities to achieve this goal. Jim Metcalf discussed a possible path forward to work with NHDOT in their development of the MOA which would document specific actions that NHDOT would accomplish. He noted that the EA proposed activities, but the MOA was a means to ensure activities would be accomplished. Jim Metcalf proposed to prepare correspondence to NHDOT on the Commission's comments on the MOA. All Commission members were favorable with Jim Metcalf contacting NHDOT and preparing correspondence for a consensus approach to NHDOT on the MOA. He indicated he would be emailing out the letter for consensus-seeking this week.

General Moulton House, Adjoining Property Development

Jim Metcalf and Ann Carnaby provided updates on the proposed development. The deed restrictions were discussed as well as the recent developer's coordination with the Hampton Planning Board.

Alternate Members

Ann Carnaby provided Ms. Erica de Vries, a newly elected member of the Planning Board, as an alternate Commission member. Ann Carnaby's suggestion was positively received by Commission members.

Adjourning

Jim Metcalf motioned for adjournment at 7:00 PM. Christine Bushway seconds the motion. 4-0 to adjourn. Accepted.

The next meeting will be held in person at the Hampton Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Wrobel