

Hampton Heritage Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes 8/5/2021

Call to order 6: 00 P.M. by Chair Jim Metcalf with a salute to the flag.

Members Present:

Ann Carnaby

Christine Bushway

Jim Metcalf

John Wrobel

Regina Barnes

No public citizens were present at the electronic meeting.

Jim Metcalf discussed the meeting minutes from the Commission's Zoom emergency meeting held 6/17/2021 on correspondence to NHDOT on the Underwood Bridge replacement. He explained the meeting minutes, which were prepared by John Wrobel and edited by Jim Metcalf, and distributed to Commission members but not provided to and posted by the Town of Hampton, was due to his desire to ensure that all Commission members were in agreement with the content of the minutes. There was no disagreement to the content of the meeting minutes or corrections proposed. Jim Metcalf motions for the approval of the minutes, seconded by Christine Bushway. Approved, 4-0. Regina Barnes abstained.

Correspondence

Jim Metcalf indicated that there was no written correspondence, but some electronic correspondence had been received.

Historic Building Markers Project Update

Christine Bushway had developed a poster advertising the program which received favorable response from Commission members. Further discussion was held on the vendor appearing for a photo opportunity at a Historic Marker home in period costume. A resident at 107 Locke Road has a historic marker which Ann Carnaby proposed as a possible location to include in the poster. Christine suggested that the Hampton Library was interested in a historic marker. After some discussion it was determined that the library would need to provide the vendor with the money for the historic building marker. Ann Carnaby provided copies of the application form for distribution to the library, Town Hall and Tuck Museum.

Jim Metcalf signed and forwarded to the vendor Ann Carnaby's historic marker application.

Old Business

Underwood Bridge Replacement Correspondence from NHDOT

Discussion was held on the NHDOT response and draft MOA. The request to review the MOA by August 20 was discussed. John Wrobel suggested that the two-week turn around for comments appeared

unreasonable. And also suggested that the town attorney be asked to assist in the review as well. There appeared to be an agreement among Commission members to ask for town attorney review of the draft MOA along with an extension of the August 20 deadline for comments. Regina Barnes indicated that she would request the town attorney review at the next BOS meeting.

Commission members agreed to a course of action relative to the MOA:

a) meet at the bridge to determine if there was an item that could be salvaged and used as a display item to memorialize the bridge

b) meet subsequent to the visit to discuss what was learned and to develop consensus response to MOA with town legal assistance.

Regina Barnes offered to assist in setting up a meeting with a bridge operator.

Hampton Historical Society Kiosk Program Update: Jim Metcalf provided the Commission with an update on the effort. The graphics portion is moving forward at an acceptable pace. However, fabrication and communication with the vendor is not.

New Commission Member

Ms. Erica de Vries has been approved by the BOS as a new Commission alternate.

New Business

Town Historic Structures

Regina Barnes asked how to raise awareness of historic structures in Hampton to town residents. A general discussion on the historic structure inventory was made as well as future plans, which had been interrupted by COVID emergencies, of a Commission inspection and subsequent report on the status of the historic structures.

“Century House-1803” Sign

Jim Metcalf indicated that the Commission had a request from Ms. Pat Abbott, 522 Ocean Blvd, for the removal of the sign on the property. After Jim’s consultation with Betty Moore, Chair of the Collection’s Committee for the Hampton Historical Society, the expressed view was that the sign had no historical/cultural value. The Commission was of the unanimous view that sign removal was acceptable from the standpoint of historical preservation.

Adjourning

Christine Bushway motioned for adjournment at 7:10 PM. Ann Carnaby seconded. 5-0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Wrobel