

## Hampton Heritage Commission

### Meeting Minutes 10/1/2020

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 calling toll free 1-857-444-0744 and use the code 156034. If anybody had a problem, they could call 603-929-5805.

Call to order 6: 00 P.M.

Virtual salute to flag was conducted by Jim Metcalf.

Members Present:

Ann Carnaby (at home alone)

Christine Bushway (at home alone)

Jim Metcalf (at home alone)

John Wrobel (at home alone)

Gary Patton (at home alone)

Jim Metcalf opened the meeting inquiring if there were any members of the public on the line. No public citizens were present at the electronic meeting. Ms. Monica Muldoon, 4 Colby Street, invited guest, was on hold waiting to join the meeting to discuss a Girl Scout project at East End School House Park.

Mr. Jamie Sullivan, Hampton Town Manager, was present at the electronic meeting.

Approval of meeting minutes for 3 September 2020. Motion for approval by Christine Bushway and John Wrobel seconds the motion. 4-0 approval, Ann Carnaby abstains.

Correspondence

Jim Metcalf indicated that there were no new correspondences for the Commission's attention.

Old Business

Historic Markers: Jim Metcalf introduced Monica Muldoon, 4 Colby Street, to discuss a Girl Scout project for a State Historical Marker at East End School House Park. The school was in existence from 1873 for nearly 50 years. Ms. Muldoon has been working with Hampton Parks and Recreation Department on the project as well. The Commission expressed favor and support of the effort and recommended Ms. Muldoon contact the NH Division of Historic Resources relative to her petition as well as the

reimbursable costs to the State for the historic marker. Ann Carnaby suggested a Go Fund Me page as a possibility for obtaining funding. Jim Metcalf proposed approaching the Hampton Historic Society for funding assistance as well.

Public Works Report on Blacksmith Shop. Jim Metcalf encouraged Commission members to individually visit the site from the outside only to gain a sense and perspective of the shop relative to the findings and recommendations contained in the Public Works report. In response to various queries from Commission members, Mr. Sullivan will report back at a future date on plans to fund the recommended renovations.

Grist Mill Funds Transfer from Hampton Historical Society. Utilization of these funds, approximately \$3000, was discussed by Commission members. Examples included additional informational signage, similar to what has previously been completed by the Hampton Historical Society. It was decided as a way ahead to invite Public Works representatives to a future meeting to discuss fund utilization.

Historic Building Documentation. Currently, under the conditions of an approved warrant, the Hampton Historical Society has the opportunity to photographically document historic structures scheduled for demolition. A second approved warrant article in the same warrant reconstituted the Hampton Heritage Commission. The first warrant article stipulates that nothing stated therein precludes the Heritage Commission from assuming responsibility for the documentation should the second warrant article be approved. Ann Carnaby, as well as the other Commission members present, support the Society retaining the records and conducting the photographing and document collection. Some discussion ensued concerning various Hampton government members involvement in the process as well. The final approval authority resides with the building inspector for demolition, who touches base with other Hampton Divisions prior to demolition approval. It was determined that the Commission will reach out to the building inspector concerning the importance of photo documentation of buildings 100 years or older prior to demolition.

Historic House Marker Program. Ms. Erin Mc Gowan, who recently received the Historic House Marker for her Hampton property was well pleased with the quality of the sign, though she expressed surprise that the evergreen logo was painted black on her marker as opposed to green as in other markers throughout Hampton. Ann Carnaby suggested that the Commission continue to discuss improvements to the Historic Marker Program application form.

#### New Business

Proposed Development of Lafayette and Drakeside Road. Ann Carnaby provided Commission members an update on the proposal on the new concept for the development. She also mentioned how the ZBA noted that there are restrictions on the deed relative to the view shed from the nearby Moulton House. There will be additional follow ups by the Planning Board and Hampton's Town Attorney on the project.

Rules of Procedure. Jim Metcalf led the discussion relative to rules of procedure relative to agenda preparation and minutes preparation relative to improvements to the current process in line with the RSA's.

#### Adjourning

Christine Bushway motioned for adjournment at 7:06 PM. Ann Carnaby seconds the motion. 5-0 to adjourn.