



Thursday, July 7, 2022

Community Development Department Conference Room, 7:00PM

Present: Peter Griffin (Regular), Peter Gumaskas (Alternate), Renee Mallett (Regular), Carol Pynn (Regular), Derek Saffie (Regular), Wendy Williams (Regular)

The meeting opened at 7:04PM.

Ms. Pynn motioned to nominate Mr. Saffie as Secretary; second by Mr. Griffin, 5 - 0.

Mr. Griffin motioned to nominate Ms. Williams as Chair, but Ms. Williams declined the nomination. After discussion, Mr. Griffin agreed to serve as Vice-Chair with Ms. Mallett serving as Chair. Mr. Griffin nominated Ms. Mallett as Chair; second by Ms. Williams, 4 - 0 as Ms. Mallett abstained. Ms. Williams nominated Mr. Griffin as Vice-Chair; second by Mr. Mallett, 4 - 0 as Mr. Griffin abstained.

Ms. Pynn provided a TRC update. There was only one property of historic interest addressed at the previous two meetings. The property at 6 Johnny Hill Road includes a cellar hole, stone walls, and other elements of historic interest. Ms. William visited the site and could not discern exactly where development on the site would occur.

Mr. Griffin gave an update on the DRC. The only item of note was the rehearing of a plan for the Village Center District to relocate a park.

Mr. Griffin informed the Commission that the Town Common Beautification Committee may put in another RFP to obtain an updated estimate.

Mr. Griffin provided an update on progress made by the African American Committee. The Committee is waiting for the plaque to be installed on a stone, and will schedule the unveiling after the plaque is installed.

Mr. Griffin briefly presented a proposal for a plaque at Governor Dinsmore Wall to recognize Edward Francis Searles' contribution in the construction of the wall. Ms. Mallett asked if there are already funds allocated in the 2022 budget for the plaque; the plaque was quoted by Manchester Memorial at \$935. It was agreed that the Commission will purchase the plaque pending confirmation there are sufficient funds in the budget.

Additionally, Mr. Griffin proposed a plaque at Garaphelia Sylva at a cost of \$1,375. The Commission reached a consensus to fund the plaque, partially or fully, to cover whatever portion of the cost is not contributed by the Cemetery Trustees. Mr. Griffin will forward his proposal to the Cemetery Trustees to ascertain what portion they would be willing to pay.

Mr. Griffin asked how to proceed in communications with the Superintendent regarding installing a historic marker for the London Bridge Causeway. After discussion, it was decided Mr. Griffin will follow-up with the Superintendent.

The Commission needs to draft their 2023 budget by September. The regular August meeting will be used to plan the budget.

There was discussion of the master plan. The Commission drafted a master plan chapter in 2016, which included a map of historic districts. This draft may be a starting point for writing an updated version. Ms. Mallett informed

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the Commission that the first draft is due by September 30th, but it would be advantageous to submit a draft to the Master Plan Steering Committee earlier to receive feedback and prepare a revised draft.

The goal of the Steering Committee is a brief, casually written master plan. Ms. Williams expressed concern that the chapter drafted by the Commission in 2016 was sizable and trimming it down to meet the Steering Committee's goal may require removing sections the Commission found significant.

John H. submitted a request to the Town to purchase 6 Fish Road to use as a leach field. The property is not waterfront and is not listed on the Historic and Cultural Resource List (HCRL). Ms. Pynn motioned for the Commission to respond to request for comment that the property is not an historic asset and the Commission has no further comment at this time; second by Mr. Griffin, 5 - 0.

Mr. Saffie motioned for Mr. Farmer to accept historic district sign proofs provided by Sewah and to proceed with the manufacture of the signs; second by Ms. Williams, 5 - 0.

Ms. Williams read an extract from a "Historically Significant Buildings" bylaw recently adopted by Amherst, MA.

Ms. Williams asked Dennis Senibaldi for an estimate to replace the siding on the Town Hall, but he has not received an estimate. There was some discussion of making a decision to proceed with either restoration of historic clapboards or complete replacement of clapboards. There was a consensus that the Commission will wait for a decision on ARPA funds before making a final decision. Ms. Mallett commented that it may be beneficial to invite a representative of Sherwin Williams, the paint brand recommended by Steve Bedard, to visit and make a recommendation on paint for the Town Hall. Ms. Pynn asked if there is a time constraint on the decision. Ms. Williams walked through the timeline for submitting an LCHIP grant, with a letter of intent due by March of 2023.

Mr. Griffin motioned to enter Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3(d); second by Ms. Williams. Ms. Williams made roll call vote on the motion, as follows:

Ms. Mallett - Aye

Ms. Williams - Aye

Ms. Pynn - Aye

Mr. Saffie - Aye

Mr. Griffin - Aye

Following the conclusion of non-public business, Mr. Griffin made a motion to exit the non-public session; second by Ms. Williams. Ms. Williams made roll call vote on the motion, as follows:

Ms. Mallett - Aye

Ms. Williams - Aye

Ms. Pynn - Aye

Mr. Saffie - Aye

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Mr. Griffin - Aye

Mr. Griffin motioned to seal minutes of the non-public session; second by Ms. Williams, 5 - 0.

Ms. Williams informed the Commission that the dam on Mammoth Road has been found to have significant breaches by the DOT. It appears as though Beaver Brook has been diverted around the dam.

Mr. Griffin motioned to reimburse Patty Williams for her fuel costs associated with last month's Strawberry Festival; second by Ms. Pynn, 5 - 0.

Ms. Mallett will renew the Commission's subscription to the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance newsletter.

Ms. Williams presented correspondence received in the past month.

Anna O. and Haylee P., as part of the Mellon Foundation Internship at Nashua Community College, are working on researching the history of underrepresented groups and minorities in southern New Hampshire towns; may be of interest to the African American Committee.

Stephanie P. of the New Hampshire Society of Photographic Artists has asked for local involvement in the organization's year-long project to document pre-1823 structures in the state. Mr. Gumaskas will review the HCRL for structures that meet the requirements.

Susan S., on behalf of the Pelham Selectboard, has invited the Commission to view the restored 1833 map of the Great Mammoth Road, which is on display at the Pelham Town Hall.

Kevin P. and wife have purchased 134 Range Road, and reached out to the Commission with questions regarding permits for the historic property.

Mr. Griffin motioned to approve the minutes of the June meeting; second by Ms. Pynn, 5 - 0.

Mr. Griffin suggested the Commission consider replacing the wood sign at the Town Pound, but he will follow-up.

Mr. Griffin motioned to adjourn at 9:00PM; second by Mr. Saffie, 5 - 0.

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