

HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES MAY 5/2021

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Maggie Stier, Vaune Dugan, Suzanne Ryan, Dave Bolduc, Cindy Melanson, Anne Blodget,

SELECTMAN LIASON: Luke Freudenberg

HISTORIC ASSOCIATION LIASON: Mark Lush

1. Approval of Minutes: a motion to approve minutes from meeting of March 24, 2021 was made by Ann Blodget, approved by members with the correction that Maggie Stier was in attendance at the March meeting

2. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Plan NH Charrette is now scheduled for the weekend of October 22, 2021
 - Lodging arrangement have been secured with Wolfeboro Inn
 - Scope of the Charrette will be determined by Plan NH Team
 - It was suggested that one focus should be in the area where Lerner St and Center street intersect.
 - The Commission need to fundraise for this event. Commission is responsible for providing food for meals.
- Barn Easement Monitoring & Reporting
 - Maggie asked Luke if any new properties have applied for Easement relief, Luke reports that he in not aware of any new applications.
 - Maggie reiterated that we should encourage property owners to consider the applying to the program.
- Master Plan Goals: “ Ways to Help Town Officials Facilitate the Renovation of Historic Properties”.
 - Vaune reported that Vaune and Dave meet with Patty Cooke (co-owner of the Pickering House and Pavilion Restaurant) to hear her views on the interactions with town officials while renovating her two Historic Properties.
 - Patty reported that she had problems with a lack of consistency in enforcing various town regulations amongst the various town enforcement departments and the fact that ordinances appear to be enforced differently amongst various properties. The frequent turn-over of town enforcement personnel further complicated delivery of consistent enforcement.
 - Vaune stated that the goal of this committee is to collect ideas and resources to educate owners of historic properties and Town officials of the options available when renovating historic properties while trying to comply with Code Requirements.
 - Suzanne asked that the Commission discuss and decide what are the parameters that could identify a property as a “Historic Structure”? It

was recommended that the Town Building Permit include the age when the building was constructed.

- **FREIGHT STATION:**
 - Maggie announced that she has obtained the first State Register plaque for Wolfeboro. The plaque is for the Freight Station, identifying it as an accepted State Historic structure.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- **COTTON MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH**
 - Susanne presented for consideration by the Commission acquiring the Cotton Mountain Church. She explained that the church only has two Trustees and there is a need for oversight of the building. She reports that all structural aspects (floor, roof, windows, shutters) have been looked at and repaired or replaced as needed.
 - Suzanne reports that under RSA 674-4462 the Historic commission can accept gifts and donations. She is asking that we consider and discuss acquisition of the property.
 - Vaune asked who owns the church and if the church would have to be decommissioned before we acquired it.
 - Suzanne states that the church is financially solvent.
- **LECTURE SERIES:**
 - Maggie reports that she will be giving a talk on the Character/Culture of Lake Wentworth to the Wentworth Watershed Association. She has decided that it will be cosponsored by the Historic Commission.
 - Maggie proposed a second lecture on "The Past, Present and Future Care of Wolfeboro Cemeteries". There was discussion as to the level of involvement the Commission wants to be involved. There was interest in developing a lecture on cemeteries. We asked that the Historical Society might co-sponsor the lecture. Mark Lush agreed that the society would be open to the idea.
 - Vaune suggested we consider we create a Zoom on "the Meaning of a Charrette
- Mark Lush asked that we familiarize ourselves with the Historic Commission and its website. He is open to collaborations with us.

ADJOURMENT: 6:30 pm