

TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH

661 Turnpike Rd New Ipswich NH 03071

Heritage Commission



Date: February 17, 2022

Members: Fran Atchison, Debbie Deaton, Jason Somero (Selectmen Representative), Phil Thayer

Fran called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Phil seconded the motion.

Fran made a motion to accept the minutes of January 10, 2021 as amended (insert next meeting date). Phil seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

1. Grants- Phil called Historic New England and spoke to Claire (program manager). She said she needs more specifics and details.
Fran handed out the original assessment from 2007, Sculley & Associates which includes an estimate of what it would take to do a new assessment from 2019. The sills were done in 2019 at a cost of approximately \$30,000.
Jason found folders in the Town office regarding the Old Town Hall including a grant folder. Phil will email the assessment from 2007 and let Claire know we are looking for a new assessment and then get bids for the work. He will ask if they can work off of the old assessment also.
The Board will send a letter to the Archambeault's at some point to see if they would attend a meeting to discuss the approval for a holding tank and expanding the southern easement. We will also need to contact Friendship Manor to see if they are still willing to grant water access.
2. Town History (website Welcome Packet): It was decided we should add some famous people to the Appleton Academy part. We need to remove the Old Town Hall Committee from the list of committees on the website. We should also add all boards need volunteers under employment opportunities.
3. We will discuss document preservation after the election on March 8th to see if the budget passes. Debbie had added it to the Town Clerk budget.
4. Jason stated we need to find ways to make the public aware of the heritage of the town. Maybe we could add a brief history to the Town report in the future.
5. We will check with Stearns Burton to see if they would fund a reading of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights once we are able to open the Old Town Hall to the public.

Adjournment:

Fran made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Jason seconded the motion. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14th.

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