

# TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH

661 Turnpike Rd New Ipswich NH 03071

*Heritage Commission*



**Date:** May 16, 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 March 14, 2022 as written. Jason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **Discussion/Action Items:**

1. Fran wrote letters to the Archambeaults and the Congregational Church inviting them to a meeting to discuss the Commission's plans for the Old Town Hall and to discuss how their cooperation will be key to being able to get grants to complete the project. Fran wondered if it would be worth asking the Archambeaults if they would give us an easement for a well. A discussion was also had regarding the utilization of a composting toilet or a holding tank. The fact that Friendship Manor is for sale poses a problem for the Old Town Hall regarding the well and/or use of water. Debbie will ask the Building Inspector what the options are. Jason brought up having a fundraiser during the Children's Fair. We could get a porta potty for that. Jason pulled the files from the office and the Commission looked over some plans done by Bruce Aho. Phil will reach out to Charlie Saari to see if he would have any interest in restoring the Old Town Hall.
2. Phil will scan the architectural assessment from 2007 and send it to Historic New England to see if we can use it to get grants or if we need a new one.
3. Fran said she got in touch with Masthof Press. They have everything from Higginsons and could reprint the 1735-1914 Chandler book. She will see if we can get a price for the History of New Ipswich in paperback.
4. Jason said Hillsdale College would like some structure and more information to do a speech on the Constitution at the Old Town Hall. Jason will mention it to the Board of Selectmen to get their approval.

## **Adjournment:**

Fran made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Jason seconded the motion. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2022.

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