

Heritage Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 9, 2016

Present: Fran Atchison, Becky Doyle, Mark Hopkins, Stan Long, Carmen Madrid

Absent: Jim Coffey

Next Meeting: TBD

I. Call to Order/Formation of Commission

The first Heritage Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00pm at the Town Office. We began by discussing the intent of the commission.

To understand the specific purpose of the Heritage Commission, and to differentiate it from a historic commission, we reviewed NH state statutes under New Hampshire's Title LXIV, Planning and Zoning:

- RSA 674:43 - defines the makeup of a local heritage commission to be , and
- RSA 674:44 - The commission is established for the proper recognition, use and protection of resources, tangible and intangible, primarily man-made, that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic or community significance within their natural, built or cultural contexts. The powers of the commission, as shared with the group, are defined in section b of RSA 674:44

We also reviewed meeting minutes from other New Hampshire Heritage Commissions to give us perspective on the workings in other towns, specifically Wilton and Merrimack.

II. Discussion/Action Items

Our first official order of business was to elect officers. We nominated and elected Mark Hopkins as Chair and Fran Atchison as Secretary.

Possible starting points for the commission include inventory of New Ipswich historic places, inventory of cultural resources, review the process behind placing two New Ipswich items on the National Register of Historic Places.

We discussed the need for a small budget for supplies; Becky will pursue the request with town hall administration.

Becky suggested each commission member research Heritage Commissions from other NH towns through viewing website, attending meeting, etc., in order to gather more information regarding procedures. We divided the research as follows:

- Stan – Jaffrey and Keene
- Carmen – Peterborough and Hancock

- Mark – Wilton
- Fran – Hollis
- Becky – will continue to search for additional sources

We will communicate our findings through email and determine our next meeting date.

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm