

Heritage Commission
New Ipswich, New Hampshire
Meeting Minutes

Date: June 20, 2019

Present: Fran Atchison, Mark Hopkins, Jason Somero

Absent: Jim Coffey, Stan Long

also in attendance: Bernard Hamill, representing the Board of Selectmen

Next Meeting: July 18, 2019

Call to Order

The Heritage Commission meeting was called to order at 6:07pm at the New Ipswich Town Office by Fran Atchison, seconded by Mark Hopkins.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Old Town Hall – Additional funds have been approved by the Town Selectmen to complete work on the building sill. The contractor informed the town that the entire sill will need to be replaced. The total cost will be \$30,000, which will come from the town's building fund. Work is expected to be completed within the next 30 days.

Three items remain to be resolved in order to potentially occupy the building. They are: parking, septic and water supply. None of these currently exist and must be worked out in order to use the building at this site. A discussion to move the building was dismissed due to both the age of the building and the lack of an appropriate site.

We were told John Veaser has begun investigation into the possible acquisition of property to accommodate a septic system and access to well water from one of the neighboring properties. Owner authorization would be required as the first step. The possibility of parking across the street would have to be discussed with the Congregational church.

2. Firehouse – Last night the Town of New Ipswich received a letter from the New Ipswich Antique Fire Brigade, composed and signed by Jim Coffey, indicating dissolution of the organization and transferring the property over to the town. The town must get the deed transferred to formally re-acquire the property. This should take two to three months, at which time the locks will be changed.

Adjournment

Mark moved to adjourn the meeting and Jason seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully,

Fran Atchison
Secretary