

Heritage Commission
New Ipswich, New Hampshire
Meeting Minutes

Date: November 21, 2019

Present: Fran Atchison, Mark Hopkins, Jason Somero, Bert Hamill (Selectmen representative)

Absent: Jim Coffey, Stan Long

Next Meeting: January 16, 2020

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. Heritage Commission budget –The Heritage Commission is scheduled to meet with the selectmen on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 to review our proposed budget. We agreed to purchase copies of the History of New Ipswich with current budget monies. Mark will work with the Town Administrator to purchase copies
2. Historic Building Assessments – The architectural firm of Scully Architects of Keene, NH submitted estimates to conduct formal Historic Building assessments for the Old Town Hall and the District 13 Schoolhouse on Main Street. The estimated cost to provide a Historic Building Assessment for the Old Town Hall is \$11,000.00. The estimated cost to provide a Historic Building Assessment for the District 13 Schoolhouse is \$12,000.00. According to the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, current building assessments are required when applying for building restoration grants.
3. Funding – At the upcoming Town Selectmen's meeting on December 10, there will be a discussion about the water and septic needs for the Old Town Hall. Resolving these issues will be the next major steps in making the building habitable. It appears possible that the town will commit to the design and construction of a septic solution.

Adjournment

Mark moved to adjourn the meeting and Jason seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully,

Fran Atchison
Secretary