

TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH

661 Turnpike Rd New Ipswich NH 03071

Heritage Commission



Date: January 10, 2022

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

Fran called the meeting to order at 7:09pm. Debbie seconded the motion.

Jason made a motion to accept the minutes of December 13, 2021. Phil seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

1. Grants- Phil called Historic New England and spoke to Claire (program manager). He was informed someone would get back to him via email to discuss available grants. Fran stated once we gather all of the grant information (such as dates due, requirements, etc.), we should make a spreadsheet. Debbie will do the spreadsheet. Fran will look into NH.Gov and Division of Historical Resources. Debbie will call Henry Underwood at SWRPC to see if they have any available grants.
2. Town History (website Welcome Packet)- Everyone will look at it prior to the next meeting.
3. Additional project updates- Debbie will look into finding the 2007 Town Hall Historical Assessment for review. This may be needed for grants. We will see if this is acceptable to move forward on grants or if they will require a new assessment. As stated in previous meetings, septic, well and parking will be a prerequisite for opening the building to the public and we will get permissions in writing (i.e. easements, deeds, etc.) when needed. Jason mentioned the possibility of a crosswalk also. Preservation of the records in the basement was brought up. Debbie added funds to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector budget for this. There are grants available to help defray the cost and will be looked into. Fran mentioned printing historical New Ipswich books as a fundraiser. Jason added we could possibly have a speaker to discuss the Constitution and the Bill of Rights also. Fran added we should have a walk through with the Building Inspector prior to having anyone from the public in the Old Town Hall.

Adjournment:

Fran made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Debbie seconded the motion. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17th.