

**Heritage Commission**  
New Ipswich, New Hampshire  
Meeting Minutes

*Date:* April 26, 2017

*Present:* Fran Atchison, Jim Coffey, Becky Doyle (Town Administration Representative), Jay Hopkins (Selectman Representative), Mark Hopkins, Stan Long, Carmen Madrid

*Absent::*

*Next Meeting:* May 24, 2017

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**Call to Order**

The Heritage Commission meeting was called to order at 6:15pm at the Town Office. Jay Hopkins was introduced as the New Ipswich Selectmen representative to the commission.

Jay moved to forgo reading of the minutes. It was seconded by Jim.

**Discussion/Action Items.**

Commission members researched Heritage Commissions from other NH towns and shared their findings. Carmen reported that the Peterborough commission is culturally based, acting more as cheerleaders for the town. Other commissions take an active role in the preservation of town structures. Fran reported that the Hollis Heritage Commission participates in and organizes projects to preserve town structures, raises the town's awareness of heritage related activities.

Mark and Fran attended the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program's (LCHIP) Preservation Conference on April 21, 2017 in Concord, NH. Takeaways from that conference included:

- ☒ Community/Media Relations: establish a strong positive identity, increase community awareness in heritage sites, include media to help increasing awareness and support
- ☒ Preservation and Community Planning: inclusiveness was stressed – communicate with multiple areas of local government, participate in town events and share heritage commission's work.
- ☒ Improving Project Success: quantify project efforts, e.g., feasibility cost and support study, include community

We identified and discussed three structures in New Ipswich which might be candidates for an initial town heritage project. They are:

- ☒ Old Town Hall – The Old Town Hall committee has information on using the hall for community activities. The property was surveyed in the recent past and is in need of repair. There is existing property assessment documentation which was grant funded. Ed Rogers did the property survey.
- ☒ Schoolhouse – The Old Schoolhouse on Main Street is another structure we will review

🔥 Fire Station – The old fire station on Main Street houses both a functioning hand pump and a 1927 Wachusett fire truck.

Members of the Heritage Commission will be able to walk through these structures before our next scheduled meeting.

The Heritage Commission will meet monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.

### **Adjournment**

Fran moved to adjourn the meeting and Jay seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm