

TOWN OF NEWPORT
Heritage Commission Meeting
Municipal Building - Newport, NH 03773
Minutes of December 9, 2019 6:00 pm
INFORMATIONAL MEETING ONLY

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacqueline Cote, Bill Wilmot, BOS Representative Alternate

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Cathryn Baird, Chairperson; Brian Kelly, Alternate; Ken Vigue
Dean Stetson, John Hooper II, BOS Representative, Virginia Irwin

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: none

VIDEOGRAPHER: NCTV

STAFF PRESENT: Liz Emerson, Zoning Administrator

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chairperson Cote called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. There was not a quorum present, therefore Acting Chairperson Cote announced it would be an informational meeting only and asked Ms. Emerson to give an update on the LCHIP Grant.

MINUTES: April 8, 2019

Due to the lack of a quorum the minutes of April 8, 2019 were tabled.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

ADMINISTRATION: LCHIP Grant Award

Ms. Emerson stated that December 4, 2019 the Town of Newport had been awarded \$87,750. The money would be used for “preservation and restoration” of the Newport Opera House. What it includes is:

- 1) Installation and finishing of a new maple floor (5700 sq. ft.)
- 2) Replacing wood stair treads from the main floor to the basement
- 3) Installation of new handrails on the backside of the Opera House
- 4) Repointing the interior and exterior brickwork
- 5) Adjusting the paving on the south side of the building
- 6) Installing underground storm piping

Ms. Emerson addressed the Commission members in attendance and stated that Mr. Cody Morrison has agreed to follow through with the grant to its completion, explaining that she would be leaving her position in Newport on December 18, 2019.

Ms. Emerson informed the Commission members present that the Certified Local Government (CLG) grant for \$6,500 for the Interpretive Panels will be overseen by Mrs. Addie Kozlik in the Town Clerk Office. Dr. Jim Garvin, the architectural historian, is informed of her leaving as is everyone in the State (NH HDR) office.

Ms. Emerson told the Commissioners she didn’t want to lose or forget anything in their jurisdiction.

Mr. Wilmot stated it was awesome; it was great the Opera House was getting the attention it needed. He thanked Ms. Emerson for her efforts and wished her good luck in her new ventures.

Acting Chairperson Cote concurred with Mr. Wilmot’s statement and said that Ms. Emerson would be sorely missed. She was especially grateful to Ms. Emerson for helping to acquire the \$6,500 for the

interpretive panels. She asked if \$500 of the \$6,500 grant was for Dr. Garvin giving the tour of the covered bridges. Ms. Emerson said yes.

Both Commissioners again thanked Ms. Emerson for her hard work and wished her the best in her new venture. Ms. Emerson thanked them both.

PUBLIC FORUM: None

Acting Chairperson Cote asked if there was anything else to come before the Commission. There being nothing, *the Heritage Commission adjourned at 6:08 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Maura Stetson
Scribe

Approved on January XX, 2020

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