**Peterborough Heritage Commission**

Thursday, January 14, 2021

**MINUTES - draft**

**Board members present**: Doug Ward; Peggy Shaughnessy; Jason Pellettieri; Peggy VanValkenburgh; Tina Rapp; Karen Kambol; Debbie Kaiser (alternate); Tyler Ward, Select Board liaison

**Also joining:** Danica Malone; Colin Murdough

The Heritage Commission met by video conference (Zoom). Doug Ward opened the meeting at 6:03pm.

**McGreal House**

Heritage Commission continues to explore options for restorations to the McGreal House.

Prior to our meeting Colin Murdough provided members with a copy of the tax card and deed for the Shieling/McGreal property.

Tina Rapp spoke with Jennifer Goodman at the NH Preservation Alliance on Jan. 14, 2021. Jennifer shared the following:

* The McGreal house would qualify for the Seven to Save program and would be a good candidate due to its historical and cultural significance. It’s not an issue that the property is owned by the state. The deadline is the end of the summer.
* Andrew Cushing, the Director of the Bureau of Historic Sites at NH State Parks (formerly with the NH Preservation Alliance), would be a good advocate for the project. He could shed light on: 1) Moose Funds amount and usage status and 2) NH capital funding status. The Moose Funds should not have been impacted by the pandemic.
* Terry Knowles at the AG’s office is a good resource for information on the trust documents
* Many projects like this often rely on: 1) public communications outreach and 2) “Friends of” organizations to collect donations. She also suggested giving a talk outside the building as a way to spread the word about its cultural and historical significance.
* She is happy to continue to be in touch to discuss ways to support the project.

Tina will contact Andrew Cushing to ask for his help/advice for moving this forward. After Tina talks with Andrew, she will connect with Doug Ward and he will connect with an attorney in town for the same purpose.

**Old Barns in Peterborough – NH Preservation Alliance**

Karen talked with Laura Norton who works for the Town of Peterborough to ask if there are town records available online that might allow her to get a jump start on the old barn inventory. Laura did not know of any records that would help. She suggested Karen connect with Joanne Eldridge Morrisey of Cold Comfort Farm on Windy Row because she is a local barn expert.

Danica offered to check through old HC files to look for old barn/old building inventories that might already exist.

**Other Business**

Colin Murdough expressed interest in joining the Heritage Commission. A motion was made/seconded, and all were in favor of accepting Colin as a full member. Arrangements will be made for him to be sworn in.

Minutes from the December 2020 meeting were approved.

The next Heritage Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11 at 6pm via Zoom video.

Move to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kambol