

City of Keene
New Hampshire

HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

4:00 PM Keene Public Library, Trustees Room

Members Present:

Louise Zerba, Chair
Rose Carey
Ardis Osborn, Alternate

Staff Present:

No staff were present at this meeting.

Others Present:

Kevin Dremel

Members Not Present:

John Bemis
Susan D'Egidio
Katherine Snow, Vice-Chair
Terry Clark, Councilor

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Zerba called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. Roll call was conducted and Chair Zerba welcomed Kevin Dremel. Chair Zerba also noted Rose Carey is now a permanent member of the Commission. Ms. Osborn sat in for Katherine Snow.

2) Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2015

Ms. Carey made a motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2015 as submitted. Ms. Osborne seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3) Report of the Demolition Commission – Nothing at this time.

4) Report of the Community Outreach Commission –

a. Sunday Socials Summer Concert Series Update – Rosie Carey

Ms. Carey reported two Sunday Socials have been held; noting she felt they were quite successful. The first event raised approximately \$310, which was donated to the Sumner Knight Chapel. Ms. Carey reported less attendance at the second event that was held at the Court House. The dates for the next two events are:

- July 26, 2015 from 1-3 PM at 206 Washington Street
- August 30, 2015 from 1-3 PM at 137 Court Street

Ms. Carey indicated that she and Mr. Dremel need to do more PR for these events; noting she missed the Senior Center, and will be reaching out to them. Ms. Carey provided samples of the posters for the two upcoming events. Ms. Carey also provided a sample of the brochure she created the events for the Commission to review. Ms. Carey explained this is a learning experience for her, not having a liaison in the Planning Department.

Mr. Dremel added the video is getting a lot of attention. Chair Zerba commended Councilor Clark for his efforts. Mr. Dremel noted he feels after this last event at the Court House they will be much more open to art in the Court House. Ms. Carey reported Tim Rogers gave her permission to use the piece from his talk about what the County does for its citizens; he agreed this could be published on the website. Chair Zerba commended Ms. Carey for her work writing the articles.

Mr. Dremel reported he has been contacted by the Church at the Head of the Square, and they are interested in doing an event there.

Ms. Osborn suggested reaching out to the local churches. Mr. Dremel indicated he could look into how to reach out to that network. Discussion ensued regarding the event brochure. No changes were recommended, and it was suggested a small number be printed for distribution. Ms. Carey recommended any changes be emailed to her as soon as possible. Mr. Dremel advised he would contact Gem Graphics for the brochure printing.

Ms. Carey indicated she wouldn't need any help with the food for the next event as it is at her home. She will turn her expenses into Ms. Langella in the Planning Department.

5) Report of the Research Commission –

a. Main Street Historic District Update – Louise Zerba

Chair Zerba reported Mr. Lamb will be putting together an Ordinance consisting of recommendations rather than regulations for the Committee to review. The Committee meets tomorrow at 4 PM, in the second floor Conference Room, at City Hall. Ms. Carey noted she would be interested in attending the meeting. Ms. Carey also noted the need to inform the public of the true intentions for this endeavor; pointing out there are still bad feelings out there (misinformation).

b. Preservation Brochure/Website – Rosie Carey/Susan D'Egidio

Ms. Carey reported the files have been provided to the Planning Department; and no progress has been made due to staffing issues. Commission members were unsure of their previous decision; will they have both a brochure and the website, or just the website. Chair Zerba will research earlier minutes. Ms. Carey reported Ms. Purinton made some updates to the existing Commission brochure before her departure.

c. Stone Arch Bridge Project Completion-

Chair Zerba reported this project may be coming back to this Commission as the Stone Arch Bridge Committee has completed its work. She suggested holding off discussion until we hear from them. The Stone Arch Bridge Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 3 PM, in the second floor Conference Room, at City Hall. Chair Zerba would like to be informed of the date for their presentation to City Council.

6) New or Other Business – Nothing at this time.

7) **Adjournment** – Chair Zerba adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Lou Sheats-Hall, Minute-taker
July 8, 2015