

City of Keene
New Hampshire

HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

4:00 PM 2nd Floor Committee Room

Members Present:

Rose Carey, Chair
Susan D'Egidio, Vice-Chair
Louise Zerba
Charlotte Shuerman

Staff Present:

Tara Kessler, Planner

Members Not Present:

Katherine Snow
Erin Benik

1) Call to Order/Roll Call -

Chair Carey called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM with the roll call.

2) Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2018

Ms. Zerba made a motion to adopt the minutes of April 11, 2018 as presented. Chair Carey seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3) Section 106 Review Invitation to Comment – 51 Wyman Way Antenna Installation

Ms. Kessler reported the applicant was unable to attend the meeting. In the letter, dated May 9, 2018, the applicant stated “EBI would like to inquire if you would be interested in commenting on this proposed project. Verizon Wireless proposes to collocate antennae at 49.5 feet above ground level on the rooftop of the 91-foot building. Please refer to the attached project plans for complete details regarding this proposed project. Please note that we are requesting your review of the attached information as part of the Section 106 process only and not as part of the local zoning process. We are only seeking comments related to the proposed project's potential effect to historic properties.”

Continuing Ms. Kessler noted the intent to place three antennae on top of Elliot Hall (KSC campus). The antennae are 10 feet tall; there is an existing tower on the building which is blocked by the trees. Discussion ensued with Ms. Kessler asking the Commission if they had any questions. She also noted the front of Elliot Hall is on the National Register hence FCC approval is needed which prompted the Section 106 review. The following questions were raised by Commission members.

1. Is there a discrepancy in the height (91 feet) listed on the elevations?
2. Can these antennae be seen from Main Street (Elliot Hall main entrance)?
3. Who owns the existing tower?
4. How wide is the existing tower?
5. Have they spoken to the College?

6. If this is their tower why do they need more antennae?
7. Can they provide a rendering of the building north/south views?

Ms. Kessler advised she would email the questions to the representatives and forward their responses to Commission members for discussion at the next meeting. She will also notify NHDHR that the Commission has discussed the matter and will share them with the applicant. Commission members agreed to meet August 8, 2018 to discuss this item.

4) 2018/2019 Workshop Series Planning Discussion

Ms. Kessler report a CLG grant of \$2,950 was approved and will go before the FOP Committee tomorrow for acceptance. The three workshops will be focused on our agricultural heritage. Ms. Kessler recommended finding ways to partner through this series of workshops.

Workshop 1: Harvesting Our Heritage: The stories behind Keene's farming past and present

The Heritage Commission will weave the stories from longstanding local farmers/agrarians into a presentation exploring the influence of farming and agriculture on Keene's cultural and physical landscape. This workshop will also address the role of Keene's farming past on shaping the future of local agriculture.

Timeframe: It is anticipated that this workshop will take place in the mid-late fall of 2018.

Potential partners: Farmer's Market, Monadnock Farm to Market Coalition, Stonewall Farm, NH Preservation Alliance, and the Historical Society (last year's presentation).

Workshop 2: Cooking Up History: The foods and products that have shaped Keene's heritage

This workshop will be a celebration of the historic foods and agricultural products that have contributed to Keene's history, culture, and sense of place. It will explore the connections between food, identity, tradition, and innovation throughout Keene's history. This workshop will be part presentation, part food tasting, and part demonstration. The Heritage Commission will work with local farmers / producers to tell the story of foods and agricultural products important to the history of Keene and the surrounding Region. Local producers will be invited to share samples of their food products with attendees.

Timeframe: The Commission seeks to hold this event in the early spring of 2019 as an opportunity to demonstrate the process of creating maple syrup at a local farm. If this is not possible, the Commission will explore conducting a cooking demonstration that showcases historic cooking technics and recipes.

Potential partners: author/chef Linda Staveley

Workshop 3: Keene's Historic Barns: From preservation to adaptive reuse

This workshop will focus on the history and technology of barns as well as barn maintenance, adaptive reuse and preservation. It will highlight options available for owners of historic barns to preserve these structures and will explore practical solutions from experts on how to maintain, rehabilitate, and adapt old barns for today's needs. As part of the workshop, the Heritage Commission will incorporate a tour of select historic barns in Keene. The

Commission will invite local contractors/craftspeople that specialize in barn restoration and preservation to lead this workshop.

Timeframe: The Commission seeks to hold this event in the summer of 2019. (3 barns)

Potential partners: NH Preservation Alliance

Commission members agreed they would start planning the Fall workshop at the next meeting. Ms. D'Egidio asked if the farmers have to be within the Keene parameter. Ms. Kessler indicated it is up to the Commission to decide who they want to bring in. Chair Carey recommended looking at venues first; possibly the first one at the Historical Society and the second one at Stonewall Farm. She will have something to report at the next meeting.

5) 2017/2018 Architectural Roadshow Debrief -

Ms. Kessler reported she has invoices to do for Jim Rousmaniere and Anita Carroll-Weldon. She will also send the edits suggested by Jeananne Farrar to Chair Carey so the brochure can be printed. Chair Carey suggested asking Jim Rousmaniere to send a copy of his talk to the Historical Society. She asked what the Commission wanted to do with the video. Ms. Zerba asked if Cheshire TV would show it. Chair Carey will confirm the owners of 60 Winter Street have no objections to the video of their home being published.

Ms. Kessler also noted the great community feedback that was received. Chair Carey commented on much the Commission learned during this project.

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

7) Next Meeting- August 8, 2018, at 4 PM, in the 2nd Floor Conference Room

8) Adjourn –Chair Carey adjourned the meeting at 4:34 PM

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Lou Sheats-Hall, Minute-taker
July 12, 2018

Reviewed and edited by,
Tara Kessler, Senior Planner