

**City of Keene**  
**New Hampshire**

**HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019      4:00 PM      2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room,  
City Hall**

**Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

**Members Not Present:**

Erin Benik  
Charlotte Shuerman

**1) Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Carey called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM with the roll call. Chair Carey introduced three new prospective members attending the meeting; Kelly Ballard, Christine Houston, and Cauley Powell. Chair Carey noted that Ms. Zerba would fill in for Ms. Benik.

**2) Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2019**

Ms. Zerba made a motion to adopt the minutes of January 9, 2019 as presented. Chair Carey seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**3) Updates**

**a. Certified Local Government Grant Program Application for FY 2020**

Chair Carey reported the grant proposal was submitted on time. She continued Ms. Kessler should be at the next meeting and will provide more of an update.

**b. Commission Membership**

Chair Carey reported Kathy Snow will not be continuing as a member as her term did expire. Ms. Zerba was approved by City Council as an alternate member. Ms. Ballard, Ms. Houston, and Ms. Powell have not yet been through the City Council process.

**4) Spring and Summer Workshop Series Planning Discussion**

Chair Carey provided copies of the handout “Cooking up History – March 30, 2019. She explained our second event in our 2018-19 Agricultural Series partners with Stonewall Farm and the Monadnock Food Co-op, and will focus on historic foods grown locally past and present along with food tasting. The event 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 educational. The Co-op would like to put up a table and are open to any suggestions from the Commission. Jen Risely is the contact at the Co-op and she will be asking her vendors if they would like to participate/help.

### Handout discussion

Chair Carey began by noting we have the speakers nailed down. We are still working on food exhibitors and farm produce. Chair Carey confirmed Keith Stavely will not be available for the event. She also said Commission members will be preparing foods from Linda Stavely's recipes for the event and that Fire Dog Bakery will not be participating. Ms. D'Egidio noted exhibitors have asked about expected attendance numbers. Chair Carey replied she could only provide numbers from previous events and that she would expect 30-50 people in attendance (weather dependent). After discussion Chair Carey noted baby animals would be allowed but the owners would have to provide their own fencing/pens.

Speakers: 20 minute talks followed by Q&A

- Linda Stavely: Foods, Places, Faces of New Hampshire Culinary History
- Julie Davenson: Regenerative Farming
- Jenifer Doyle: Heirloom Seeds
- Susie O'Dwyer: Cheese Making – *Ms. D'Egidio reported she has been unable to make further contact with Ms. O'Dwyer.*
- Kim Peavey: Organic and Sustainable Farming – *Ms. D'Egidio noted Ms. Peavey asked if the Commission wanted a slideshow or photographs. Commission members were in favor of a slideshow. Chair Carey agreed to follow-up on the needed equipment.*

Foods & Exhibitors:

Salt & Lime Food Truck (outside) - *has not confirmed yet.*  
Monadnock Food Co-op (perhaps cider and?)  
? Noah Elbers of Orchard Hill Bakery (bread tasting and more) – *Ms. D'Egidio will provide Mr. Elbers the information he required.*  
Heritage Commission food tasting of Linda Stavely's recipes  
Children's table: apple pomade, corn husk dolls, seed planting; Interact students assisting- *Ms. Shuerman and her daughter are working on this. Ms. Zerba will contact the Interact students when times are formalized.*

Farm Produce and Products: *in separate room adjacent to speakers' room*

Stonewall will have their store open as well as the dairy barn to visit the cows  
Sarah from Manning Hill Farms in Winchester; milk, eggs and honey  
Patti, the alpaca lady- *will be bringing products for sale. She would like to bring a friend and her products as well. Chair Carey indicated the friend is welcome as long as her products go along with the theme.*

? Bee Keeping – *With Ms. D'Egidio's contact unavailable, Ms. Houston suggested Allison Frisette from Alstead. Ms. Houston will make the contact and advise Ms. D'Egidio.*

? Suzie O'Dwyer; cheese products

? Hillside Springs Farm, Westmoreland, NH – *dependent on whether or not he has any produce.*

? Maple Sugar products - *Ms. D'Egidio reported she and Ms. Schuerman discussed selling Katie's (?) maple sugar products at the Commission's table. She continued the Commission could purchase 30 pieces (seconds) to sell. Chair Carey agreed it is a food item that could be included in the budget. Commission members posed no objections to the idea.*

Educational Displays:

- Farming Operations at the Wyman Road Farm

- 1800-1900's Farms of Keene, barns and type of agriculture along with anecdotal stories
- Photos of demolished historical buildings.
- Final Workshop: Barn Tour – *Discussion for next meeting. Chair Carey is still working on the research. The event timeframe could be June or September. Commission members have not yet determined the area for the tour. Ms. D'Egidio will contact Josh Gorman and Chair Carey will contact Alan Rumrill at the Historical Society.*

### **Advertising:**

Monadnock Food Co-op will put the word out to their vendors and also display sandwich signs outside their store.

Keene Sentinel ad

Cheshire TV ads, events listing

Emails to our list

Shopper event listing

Posters to be displayed around town

Colonial on-screen ad-one month, \$125

City Website: Event listed on calendar with Event Brite link to register

Facebook

### **Commission To Do List**

Advertising- Chair Carey

Educational displays- Chair Carey and Ms. Powell

Contact Co-op for cheese and cider if Ms. O'Dwyer does not participate- Chair Carey

Get Linda Stavely's recipes – Chair Carey

Prepare Linda Stavely's recipes – Ms. Zerba, Ms. Houston, and Ms. Ballard

Make pumpkin/cranberry bread- Ms. D'Egidio

Children's table schedule- 10:30 AM, 11:45 AM, and 1:00 PM

### **5) New or Other Business**

1. Ms. Zerba asked if this Commission approved the demolition of the old barn on Center Street. Ms. D'Egidio replied she signed off on that last year.
2. Ms. D'Egidio reported on the old YMCA camp noting she signed off on the one building that applied to the Commission. It was over 500 square feet and built in 1956.
3. Ms. Houston agreed to serve on the Demolition Permit sub-committee with Ms. D'Egidio once she is confirmed by the Council.

### **6) Next meeting- March 13, 2019**

### **7) Adjourn**

Chair Carey adjourned the meeting at 4:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by, Mary Lou Sheats-Hall, Minute-taker  
February 14, 2019