

City of Keene
New Hampshire

HERITAGE COMMISSION
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

4:00 PM

**2nd Floor Conference Room,
City Hall**

Members Present:

Cauley Powell, Chair
Molly Ellis, Vice Chair
Louise Zerba, Alternate
Rose Carey, Alternate

Staff Present:

Evan Clements, Planner

Members Not Present:

Erin Benik
Brian Lee
Julie Emineth
Marilyn Huston
Susan DeGidio, Alternate

1) Call to Order – Roll Call

Chair Powell called the workshop to order at 4:00 PM and called roll.

2) Historical Society of Cheshire County Workshop with Jennifer Carroll, Director of Education

Ms. Carroll began by introducing herself and going over the Historical Society of Cheshire County's Recovering Black Histories project.

Ms. Carroll then gave a presentation that showed examples of documents that the volunteer archivists have been working with.

The goals of the project were discussed, which are: "Enhance our understanding of the past, new resources for local educators, create new public programs, fill gaps in our collection, share research with the Black Heritage Trail of NH, and compare our findings."

General discussion related to the project goals ensued.

Ms. Carroll explained the Google Forms document that the volunteer archivists use to input data. So far 450 people have been identified in the region. She noted that for many documents and

census records, only the head of household had any details. Other family members were just noted as tally marks.

Ms. Carroll discussed the next steps in the project and how it related to the Heritage Commission's own contribution to the endeavor.

The Commission discussed where to start and how to best get involved without supplication efforts.

The Commission thanked Ms. Carroll for her efforts and the training opportunity.

The Workshop ended at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Evan J. Clements, AICP – Planner
October 5, 2023